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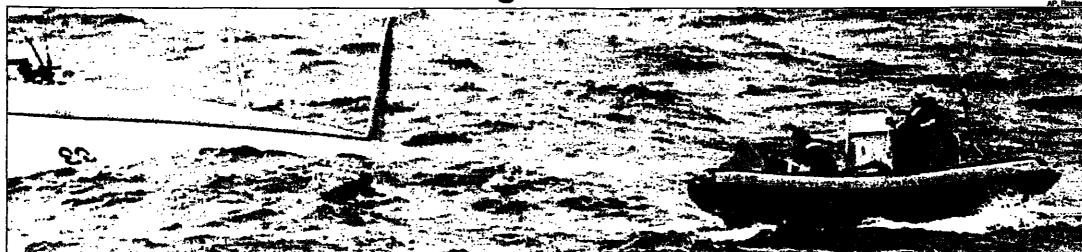


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It's heaven, says rescued sailor



### **Briton shouted** 'I'm coming' as divers knocked

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

TONY BULLIMORE was in "absolute heaven" on an Australian frigate last night after one of the greatest survival feats in maritime history.

The British lone sailor had spent nearly five days sheltering in an air pocket in the upturned hull of his yacht fore being pulled from the Southern Ocean early yesterday. He had lost the tip of his left little finger and was suffering from minor hypothermia, dehydration and frostbite but medical staff aboard HMAS Adelaide said that he

was relatively unscathed. As he recovered, the Queen sent him a message praising him for his "extraordinary feat of survival". She also congratfor their "dramatic rescue".

The climax to the operation came just as naval divers were preparing to cut a hole in the hull of Mr Bullimore's Global Exide Challenger. As the Adelaide reached the yacht and



\*Exactly how much market research did you do?"

sounded its horn, the six-man crew on an inflatable dinghy jumped on to the hull and started knocking on the surface. Seconds later the noises were returned.

"Hello, is there anyone there?" a diver asked. "Hello," came back the lone

The divers asked if he could get out and thought he replied No, I can't." But he then opened the door of the sealed compartment where he had been sleeping and simply swam to the surface.

Mr Bullimore, 56, said later that when the diver banged on the hull "I started shouting 'I'm coming, I'm coming. It took a few seconds to get from other. Then I took a few deep breaths and I dived out of the boat. When I saw the ship standing there and the plane going overhead and a couple of guys peering over the top of

the upturned hull, it was

heaven, absolute heaven." Mr Bullimore's ordeal had begun at 6 pm on Sunday when he and fellow yachts-man Thierry Dubois — both taking part in the Vendée Globe round-the-world race -sent out four distress signals. Their boats had been overturned by a fierce wind and mountainous seas 1,500 miles south west of Australia. M Dubois took to his liferaft and was eventually winched to safety by a helicopter from the

Mr Bullimore sought refuge in a tiny watertight compartment in his yacht's upturned hull. Outside there were 60 knot winds, 50 feet swells and a temperature hovering just

THE pound marched to its highest level for four years

yesterday as the French franc

The pound now stands at Fr9 for the first time since it

left the European Exchange

two years ago it bought only

Fr7.60. The moves came as

investors responded to the

dramatic gap opening up be-

tween the healthy performance of the British economy

problems on the continent.

The mark slumped after

figures showing that German

unemployment has reached

4.16 million, its highest level

Sterling finished at 96.6 on

its index against a basket of

currencies, its best level for

four years. Speaking in Tokyo.

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deepening economic

Rate Mechanism in 1992

moved further down.



Tony Bullimore surfaces from his upturned yacht and is hauled on to a rubber dinghy and wrapped in foil (below) by rescuers from the Adelaide

above freezing. Inside, it was wet and pitch black. The 5ft 3in sailor activated his distress beacons and prepared himself for a long wait. He knew that he was at least three days' sailing from land and that there was no possibility of a helicopter rescue at that distance. Also, with his

change in the beacon's mode,

which could only have been

done manually, and realised

that the skipper must be alive.

lor, said that the economy had

In comparison, continental

economies are facing worsen-

ing problems because of the

race to meet the Maastricht

treaty criteria for joining a

single currency. They are hav-

ing to squeeze their budget deficits and this, in turn, is

leading to weak growth and

why investors are such enthu-

siastic buyers of the pound is

that British interest rates are

expected to rise this year to

prevent a runaway consumer

boom while European govern-

ments may have to cut their

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sagging economies.

One of the major reasons

rising unemployment.

never been better.

radio lost, it was impossible to contact the race organisers in Paris. But he still had a few tricks up his sleeve. Back at rescue headquarters in Canberra, the signal from the beacons was being monitored closely. Some 24 hours after the first signals were picked up, the team noticed a

Franc put in shade

by soaring pound

By Janet Bush, Economics Editor

Come day two in the black air bubble, Mr Bullimore's spirits lifted when he heard the drone of an aircraft. An RAAF Orion came low over the capsized craft, but could see no sign of its skipper or its liferaft and flew on. Mr Bullimore had guessed

that the plane came from the Royal Australian Air Force and was confident that help was on its way. But by now he was hungry and thirsty. He had no water, he was developing frostbite and he had amputated part of his finger while shutting a hatch.

By day three, he knew help was getting closer when he heard the noise from a sonar beacon which had been dropped alongside. These devices have acutely sensitive microphonesand Mr Bullimore knew that his rescuers hoped for a response, so he tapped on the wall of his hull. When an Air Force Orion tuned into the knocking, rescuers feared at first that it might be coming from debris

analysed the recording there was a definite sequence. On day four, the severely dehydrated Mr Bullimore decided to encourage his rescuers by activating the last beacon he had kept tucked in his red immersion suit. The noise was picked up by a

in the hull, but when they

nearby Orion. Suddenly the Adelaide's horn blasted across the ocean. As Colonel Andrew Reynolds of the Australian Defence Force said afterwards: "Tony's

JOHN MAJOR has opted for

the high-risk strategy of hold-ing a by-election in Wirral South which could put the

Tories into a minority admin-

istration weeks before a gener-

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory

head just popped up out of the water and we pulled him on to an inflatable. He obviously heard the horn and decided now's the time to leave." Mr Bullimore smiled as he

was transferred to the Adelaide. "Thank you," he said. "Could I have a cup of tea?" The Adelaide is now expect-

ed to return to Fremantle, by Monday, when Mr Bullimore and M Dubois will be reunited with their families. The rescue operation is believed to have cost the Austra-lian Government about £3 million and while there was elation at the success of the

venture, the sports minister. Warwick Smith, called for race organisers to change the rules so that competitors do not sail so far south.

totake the seat. He said Lab-

our had bounced the Govern-

ment into holding the by-

speculation that the Govern-

ment would delay the poll so

that it was superseded by the

general election. The Tories

are not tipped to hold the seat

and such a move would have

avoided the risk of a demoralising defeat in the run-up to a general election.

Government would abide by

parliamentary convention and move the writ by February 3,

three months after the death

last November of Barry Por-

ter, who held the seat with a

majority of 8,183. The contest

would then take place by

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But Dr Mawhinney said the

The decision ends weeks of

Major gambles on

Wirral by-election

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent

election.

#### **Private** schools' A levels wrongly upgraded

heroine

WEEKEND

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

A TEAM of examiners independent school candidates in last summer's English A level by up to two grades without looking at the papers, an unprecedented public report by

scrutineers said yesterday The Oxford-based group, which has conducted a war of words with the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority for almost two months, failed only five out of 5,341 candidates. Hundreds of teenagers are thought to have been regraded too

In some cases, the 11strong team responsible for ensuring the consistency of grades was found to have accepted schools' predictions in preference to the original examiner's marks. One candidate had the marks for a section increased from 14 to 40 out of 60 "with no apparent justification".

The examiners, most of whom had been together for more than a decade, oversaw the marking of one in 12 students taking English A level last summer. Most candidates came from independent schools, producing a pass rate in the top two grades of twice the national aver-

Nick Tate, SCAA's chief executive, said the routine scrutiny of examining by and Cambridge board was the most damning he had had decided to publish its Continued on p 5, col 1

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#### Sinatra suffers heart attack

Frank Sinatra. Sl. was taken to hospital in Beverly Hills after suffering an "uncompli cated" heart attack. The entertainer's prognosis was said to be good and he was undergoing tests and treatment.

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#### Boy truant dies in frozen pond

A TRUANT schoolboy collecting golf balls from a frozen pond yesterday became the seventh person this winter to die after falling through ice (Gillian Bowditch and Michael Hornsby write).

Peter John Sinclair, 15, ignored warnings from pension ers at Auchenharvie golf course at Stevenston, near Ardrossan, Ayrshire. After getting into trouble he

tried to swim to an island but could not stay afloat. A firefighter waded into the pond with a rope around his chest but was brought out suffering from hypothermia. The Meteorological Office said the cold will continue today with more snow pos-

sible, but forecast a thaw in northern and western Britain

party chairman, made the surprise announcement that the Covernment would move a parliamentary writ for the byelection by February 3. A poll would be then held late next month or in early March. Tory strategists said the by-

election would make it less likely that the Prime Minister would call a general election on March 20. They said May I was still his favoured option. Tony Blair immediately urged the people of Wirral South to give a lead to the rest

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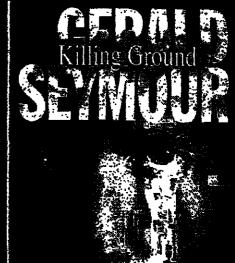
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He'll take

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### Tony Bullimore's own account of his ordeal - and the moment he realised he was safe

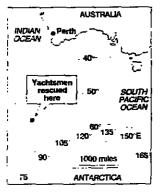
# 'I heard a diver banging, it was Heaven'.

Tony Bullimore told the story of his incredible five-day fight for survival, holed up in a tiny air pocket in his upturned yacht, to Jerry Pratley, a reporter for the West Australian newspaper in Perth, who is on board HMAS Adelaide

I WAS starting to doubt whether I would be saved when I heard a diver banging on the side of the hull. I had to think about it for a few seconds because there was continuous banging all the time from the rigging. The banging was a big. heavy bunging, and it was like Heaven, it was like Heaven.

Then I heard a voice outside and I started shouting. "I'm coming. I'm coming." It took me a few seconds to get from one end of the boat to the other. Then I took a few deep breaths and I dived out of the

When I saw the ship standing there and the plane going overhead, and a couple of guys peering over the top of the upturned hull, it was Heaven. absolute Heaven. I really. really never thought I would



reach that far. I was starting to look back over my life and was starting to think, "Well. I've had a good life. I've done most of the things I had wanted to

I think if I was picking words to describe it, it would be a miracle, an absolute miracle. You've got about two thirds of the hull filled with water. There was a hole in the bottom of the hull, in fact really at the top, where one of the windows had come out. and it caused a type of vacuum. The hole caused water to be sucked in and out at a colossal rate that caused a kind of Niagara Falls, but upside-down.

I had to find myself a spot as high up as possible and put nets around it, so that I could in to get out of the water and to

little hidy-hole.

I stayed curled up to keep which was up to my neck, to get to the entranceway to see to get to the liferaft because I was frightened that anybody who would come might just look and say. "Ah. it's all finished.

I had to dive out of the entranceway and swim up through the cockpit, until I got to the liferaft and start lashing it. I couldn't get the rope off because I only had under a minute to dive up there. My breath was not too good because I smoke.

dozen times and each time I went up there I had to immediately go back to my little boltwould have to stay there for

and I got myself together and got the boat together. I never dreamt of something like this. I've had a lot of experience. I've done over 200,000 miles of ocean racing. I'm a bit of a loner. I'm not a rich man, I come from a pretty ordinary family and live struggled all the way.

with the boat on the way. One of my fuel tanks broke down and I lost half my fuel. Then my Satcom C [communications link] went down and my heater went, then the bilge

get away from everything. would be here. I've been in

some situations in my life there and I had no torches. and the vacuum from the hole where the window had broken was terrible. It sucked everything out of the boat, actually ripping the chart table out. All sorts of fittings-out like the radios, a chair and everything. went out — it was quite amazing. I had to spend a lot of time up in my little den, my

myself warm and had to come down, get into the water. what was going on. I wanted

hole so that I could warm up. I about two hours to warm up, then go back down to have nother go. When I started this race,

I had different problems

Tony Bullimore moments after his rescue yesterday, comforted by Chief Petty Officer Bosun Peter Wicker and Leading Seaman Clearance Diver Alan Rub pump was giving trouble and there were a lot of other minor problems. Then I started getting creaking noises from the But the funny thing was that I went up there about a the first bad weather I got in the Southern Ocean wasn't too

bad, 50-55 knots. I couldn't go downwind with it because the boat wanted to keep luffing up the bow kept turning into the direction from which the wind was blowing: the effect is to stop the boat. But I was doing a steady 10-15 knots and as soon as I put the automatic pilot on, the boat wanted to luff up. It was doing 25 knots and luffing up, luffing up.

I had to change course and run under bare poles [without any sails]. I thought it had it conquered, I thought I had iouna a down to Heard Island and was actually within five miles of Heard Island. It was absolutely labulous. I took some pictures and it was really

I felt really happy with all this. I made myself a nice cup

I got over that, then got into this high [pressure system]. I had four days of high, with blue skies, flat seas; doing about 8-10 knots, not very fast but it's the time to dry out the

I dried out the boat, I dried some clothes and cooked a nice curry, a nice stinking hot curry. I had some cheese and biscuits and everything was

Then the wind started to come, and come, and come. I didn't have a weather fax. Satcom C or nothing like that. I had to smell the weather. smell it because I didn't have any other way of knowing what was happening.

knots, 35-40 knots, 45-50, 55-60 and then it was rolling around. I got the boat going beautifully, bare poles, lashed everything down, got everything tucked away down below and put everything in a position so that you could be

of tea, opened a pack of chucked from one side to the biscuits and thought, This is other with no damage.

I was sitting there with my old cup of tea and then bang. the keel popped off. The moment it banged off, the boat went over so quick. It rolled and rolled and rolled. Then I was standing on the bottom frooff of the boat and for most of the night it was OK.

Then the window went in and water started coming in like Niagara Falls.

Let's put it this way, with the experiences that I've experienced with this, there is no room to try to be too radical and have too much high rechnology. You have to have everything completely tested. tested again and triple-tested. if you want to go long

you do it in Sydney Harbour, or Plymouth Harbour in England or Newport Rhode Island. You don't go down past Heard Island, then hope your keel will hang on with a new, radical system, or with new masts or something like that.

You have to be very careful to undertake such a long voyage. I was amazed. I was amazed

with myself. I've been there before, I have to tell you. I've been in the middle of the Atlantic, in a liferaft, nearly 20 years ago. It was a different kind of calamity, but there you are.

I was in the Bay of Biscay in another situation in a very fast boat in 1986 that did a flip, so I'm a bit of a glutton for

But now that I'm getting a bit old, there is one thing and I don't mind telling the world — I've become more human in these last six days. I'm a different person. I won't be so rude to people, not that I was, but I'll be much more of a gentleman and, equally, I'll

And as a dear old friend of mine, David Mathieson, said. when he had a heart attack and I've never had a heart attack, I've got a strong heart. I hope I still have - he said that when he got over it and opened his window in his

bedroom, and he peered out and smelt the fresh air and all the rest of it, he said, "God, it was like being born all over again, life was great."
Well, that's how I feel now,

like being born all over again. I wasn't sure if I heard planes flying overhead or whether I was imagining it. I was in my little bolt-hole and I heard this "vroom" noise two or three times, and I got up like lightning and went to the entranceway to make sure. I

had been tricked by that

before, with the noises of the I thought that if I dived out, I might not get back in. I had lost my toolbag. I was going to make a hole in the hull so I could fire rockets through and put my emergency beacon out there. I thought that as soon as I had a spare beacon, that I could play with [the frequency]

that could be recognised. Like when the diver banged on the hull, in a funny old way I knew it was a bloody human being. Before that I would hear bangs and sit there for all right."

half an hour, but it would be the same rhythm bangs and I thought it was part of the boat. Then I thought I heard

helicopters just after the planes, but whether that was possible or not I just didn't know. When I heard that I nearly cried, because thought, "Christ, I've missed my opportunity," and the helicopters had gone off, thinking this was a waterlogged boat that was finished. I thought to myself, "I should have dived out, come out and swam around, rain, hail or shine,

and take the chance. When I heard the helicopter again, it was like Heaven. When I heard the banging on the side. I picked up anything I could, used my fist, anything to bang the side.

to get to the other end. screaming: "I'm coming out, I'm coming out." I took a few deep breaths and came out, straight through the hole, and the ship was standing there and I thought, "I'm saved. I'm

### Proud Australia shrugs off the £3m cost of a job well done

THE price of one life in the waters of the Southern Ocean can be staggeringly expensive: insurance experts yesterday out the cost of saving Tony **Bullimore and Thierry Dubois** 

at more than £3 million. Yet the bill to cover four airforce planes, which flew around the clock for nearly four days, plus a week-long voyage by a navy frigate and a support vessel, has not so far seemed to bother most Australians.

The cheers that greeted his rescue could be heard right across the nation and there was an immediate outpouring of relief and the celebration of a job well done. Someone. somewhere, however has to pick up the tab.

Nearly 300 naval and airforce personnel were actively engaged in the rescue with many more providing logistical back-up. The frigate Adelaide cost \$50,000 a day. The aircraft which spent four days searching the seas cost tens of thousands of pounds an hour

to keep in the air. Then there are the smaller items such as the sonar bouys which were placed alongside Mr Bullimore's yacht and the liferafts which were dropped to him and Dubois.Under international shipping law. the cost of diverting the oil tanker Sanko Phoenix will be

met by the vessel's company. Yet The Australian Defence Minister, Ian McLachlan, was keen to play down the cost of the rescue last night and to emphasise the positive. This has not been a loss to us but a great morale boost. he said.

store of knowledge, which you can't buy. So it won't be a case of the extra cost to the military of this rescue, because the extra flying and sailing hours involved will simply be taken

off future exercises. Mr McLachlan said the Government was not counting the cost of the rescue mission and was bound by moral and legal obligations to to go the aid of sailors.

The country is obliged by international treaty to rescue people up to 1500 nautical miles off its coastline whatever the cost. We have done what is required and we would do it

Privately, Australian maritime safety chiefs are annoyed with the Vendee Globe race organisers for allowing com-

Warwick Smith, the Sports Minister, called on the organisers to change the rules. He wants them to adopt safer sailing routes, where the seas are calmer and more easily accessible to rescue craft.

Mr Smith also wrote to his French counterpart, Guy Drut, seeking a joint approach to international yacht race organisers. This week's operation was the furthest ever undertaken by Australia's airsea rescue authorities and stretched them to the limit.

Even so the ultimate success of the mission has clearly bathed Australia in glory. Prime Minister John Howard the professional efforts of the rescue team. Opposition leader Kim Beazley said: "The rescue mis-



Price of life: The rescue of Thierry Dubois, left, and

sions are a tribute to the skills, determination and bravery of the members of the Australian defence forces and the service people who took part in the rescue operation.

Unlike the BT Global Challenge round-the-world race. the Vendée Globe has no highprofile insurance sponsor. Mr Bullimore's £500,000 yacht.



Tony Bullimore may cost more than £3 million

Exide Challenger, was not insured because the race is regarded as one of the most dangerous sporting events in the world and insurers are

reluctant to provide cover. But if lives are in danger inthe Southern Ocean again, Australia is certain to go to the rescue again without counting

#### TESTED TO THE LIMIT

Tony Bullimore's survival is a distinguished addition to the annals of human endurance. In the pursuit of adventure, or by sheer bad luck, many have found their ability to survive tested to the limits.

■ 1914: the explorer Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton and his fellow Antarctic expedition members survived 15 mont the ship Endurance when it was cast adrift, crushed by packed ice and buffeted by ice floes.

# 1942: Poon Lim, a 2nd steward in the Merchant Navy was east adrift on a raft in the Atlantic for 133 days when his ship was blown up under enemy fire. He was spotted by

aircraft and picked up in April 1943. ■ 1972: 14 Uruguayans survived 80 days in the freezing conditions of the Andes after their light aircraft crashed near the Chilean/Uruguayan border. They resorted to

cannibalism to stay alive. 🖪 1982: Anna Conrad was buried by an avalanche at a ski resort in northern California but survived for five days by

■ 1989: four shipwrecked yachtsmen from New Zealand spent 120 days in the upturned hull of their trimaran in the Pacific. They are seagulls and raw fish and were eventually

washed up on Great Bayrier Island, near Anckland. 📕 1992: James Stott survived for 43 days 2,000 feet up a Himalayan rockface. He had only two bars of chocolate. ■ 1994: five soldiers survived for three weeks in the Borneo jungle after going missing on a training exercise. They had two polo mints and a drop of water a day.

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Briton could be transported from big seas to big screen after agent's mid-ocean call to fame

### Hollywood beckons for real-life Del Boy

By Adrian Lee, Daniel McGrory and Tim Jones

AMONG the telephone calls Tony Bullimore received on HMAS Adelaide yesterday was one from an agent of the Hollywood actor and producer Kevin Costner, interested in making a film about his

What the agent may not have known is that the entire career of the former Essex barrow boy is the stuff of film legend, though perhaps more suited to Del Boy Trotter than Kevin Costner.

The teenage Bullimore had a yearning for adventure and would constantly play truams from school in Southend-on-Sea with his closest friend, Dave Mathieson. They helped Mr Bullimore's father, Bill, to run market stalls in Romford and Southend. At 15 they launched a wedding photography business on Southend ier. Tony Bullimore was, said Mr Mathieson, "the luckiest, gutsiest man you could meet. He has always survived by his wits, and is a real rough

He gave up wedding photography after being chased down the road by the angry father of a bride whose pic-tures had not come out, and spotted an advertisement looking for an experienced sailor to crew a yatch to South Africa. He lied about his experience and set sail, picking up odd jobs as a carpet layer and becoming a black belt at judo. He was asked to try out for the

Springboks judo team.

After four years he was persuaded by his family to return to Britain. He could not resist any invitation to take to sea and it was during one voyage to the Caribbean that he met his wife, Lalel, in Kingston, Jamaica.

In 1963 he recognised that the influx of West Indian immigrants offered a business opportunity. He opened the Bamboo Club in the St-Paul's area of Bristol and it quickly became a focus for reggae music Bob Marley was one of the stars who performed there before the club mysteriously burnt down in the mid-1970s.



Stephen Mulvany is Tony Bullimore's nephew, business partner and "Rodney" to his uncle's "Del"

music persuaded him to open the Granary Club in Bristol, a late-night venue known for its eclectic tastes, which closed ten years ago. "Like most things he just got bored and wanted to move on," Mr Mathieson said.

He founded his own company, Bradkeyne International, run from a cramped office in Digbeth, Birmingham, buying up bankrupt stock for resale. Adie McLean, the company's office manager and only other employee, said yesterday: "We shifted everything from toys to shoe polish to cosmetics.

Barry Pickthall, the former Times yachting correspondent who sailed with Mr Bullimore in the Round Britain race, said: "He is an absolute Del Boy, except that he comes from Southend, not Perkham. ing." Like Del Boy, he has his own Rodney, his nephew and partner Stephen Mulvany. While Mr Bullimore was taken safely on to HMAS Adelaide yesterday, Mr Mulvany was in the tastefully furnished lounge of his uncle's large Victorian house in Westbury Park, Bristol, talk-

ing constantly into one of his

two mobile telephones.

He emerged briefly to say he that was in the process of making "two heavyweight deals" to sell his uncle's story that would help to pay to-wards rebuilding his £500,000 yacht. "He put his mortgage and everything on the line so naturally he needs to recoup his losses," Mr Mulvany said. Among the likely endorsements that Mr Bullimore can

expect are the attentions of the chocolate manufaturers. were intrigued as to

tomb. "He had a sweet tooth, so it could have been anything he could get his hands on," Mr Mulvany said. He added: "We haven't had chance to talk about offers with Tony. We are just thrilled he is alive."

in another Del Boy touch. Mr Bullimore has a fondness for using French words. Mr Pickthall said: "I remember once he walked into a lavish club owned by the Aga Khan in Sardinia. Tony took one look around and said. This is

very soixante-neul, isn't it?"
"He is not the most skilled sailor, but he has a tremendous capacity to succeed and

he always gave us a laugh.

On another occasion, while struggling to raise the money to sponsor his round-theworld challenge, he was left with boxes of a million and a half toy characters from the television cartoon series The Simpsons. "We thought we would be stuck with them forever, but Tony somehow shifted them," Mrs McLean

Mr Mathieson insisted that Mr Bullimore "could sell ice cubes to Eskimoes" and recounted how, to rescue a deal to sell baby food to Zaire, Mr Bullimore was summoned for an acrimonious meeting with the Zairean dictator, Presi-

"Mobutu was shouting and Tony, who is only 5ft 3in but can handle himself and fears no-one, said, You won't do any business with me until you get some manners.' Mobutu pointed back and said, 'For a white man you have got a big mouth,' but there was mutual respect and the deal was done."

John Lewis, who is secretary of the Royal Western Yacht Club, where Mr Bullimore has been a member for 20 years, said: "He is living proof that this is not a sport just for the privileged. You won't find many braver."

Bob Beggs, a fellow club member and transatiantic yachtsman, said last night: Tony is always the first to put his hand in his pocket and to



Lalel Bullimore at home yesterday. She met her husband in Kingston, Jamaica

perhaps come into this sport through their college or their families would never attempt such a voyage. You have to be a little bit mad like Tony, and a true hero."

He said that Mr Bullimore was famed for his love of tea and curries which were too hot for anyone else on board to eat. After yesterday's rescue, his first words were "Thank God - it's a miracle," followed by a request for a cup of tea. Another crewmate. Nigel

irens, with whom Mr Bullimore won the Yachtsman said: "He is a compulsive risktaker, both in sailing and in business. There are two schools of sailor: the regatta type and the adventurer. Tony definitely one of the latter.

"He is at his best when the

rulebook goes out of the window. For the sort of thing he goes in for, it is a question of whether you have got the balls for it or not."

To win the 1985 accolade, Mr Bullimore climbed the mast of his yacht to make temporary repairs to a broken halyard when his crew member was on the verge of

retiring. They went on to win the race. "I was amazed," said Mr Irens, who sailed with Mr Bullimore for four years and is now a boat designer.

Bids by newspapers alone for his story had reached more than £160,000 last night. As the offers poured in Mr Mulvany said: "We don't know if Tony will say yes to anything. He is his own man. But I suspect he might fancy having Kevin Costner play him in the film. Not bad for a Southend boy.

#### High seas present ultimate challenge

By EDWARD GORMAN SALLING CORRESPONDENT

WHY do they do it? It is a question hard not to ask after the dramas of recent

days in the Southern Ocean. The urge to take on solo those untained forces comes from the same inner source that drives others not just to climb the world's highest peaks, but to do so alone and without oxygen. In sailing, the challenge of the sea is there for anyone to face, but for some, the desire to confront the ultimate goal is

overwhelming. It was the British who started single-handed roundthe world sailing with Sir Francis Chichester, Sir Rob-in Knox-Johnston and Chay Blyth but the French now dominate with a series of races. The Vendee Globe offers the chance of winning the ultimate contest on the world's most dangerous and unpredictable course. The boat must be kept sailing month after month while it is battered by the elements.

There is also a chance to experience one of the last great freedoms, voyaging through some of the wildest

So far the Vendée Globe has remained gloriously free of regulation. The boats have to be monohulis, 50 to 60ft long. Beyond that it is largely up to the designers. The course is almost unrestricted as well, though there are three waypoints which the skippers have to leave to starboard to prevent slipping into the icebergs deep down in the Southern Ocean.

In the first race in 1989 only even of the 13 starters finished, while in the second, in 1992, 14 started, seven finished and one skipper, the Englishman Nigel Burgess, drowned. This time, halfway through, eight of the 16 who started are out and there have been three rescues.

The huge costs of these operations are placing the race organisers under increasing pressure to further limit the course and the type Leading article, page 21 of boats that can sail it.

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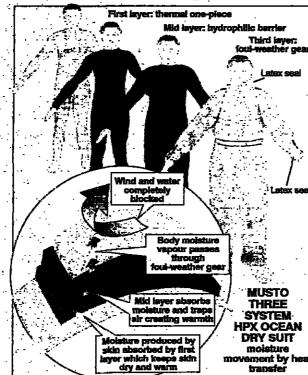
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THE secret of Tony Bullimore's survival for five days in the Southern Ocean was his decision not to try to leave his crippled boat.

His 30-odd years of experience of sailing, which has included several perilous capsizes, told him that attempting to leave the hull and get into his liferaft could prove fatal. He put his faith in the realisation that, eventually, someone would come to check the boat to see if he was still in

Immediately before the cap-size, Mr Bullimore had weathered a storm, which was followed by four days of relative calms when he was able to dry out his boat. It was when the storms returned that the keel of Exide Challenger was ripped off, causing the yacht to capsize in seconds.

Because of the high sea, Mr Bullimore is thought to have been strapped into his navigation station when the boat rolled 180 degrees. He may not have had the main hatch shut at that moment and lost the tip of his little finger as he attempted to shut it with water pouring in. He found himself in a dark, noisy, wet and cold



was rising, for the main hull lower down, where he seems to have lashed himself into a bunk to try to keep dry. He had no torch to see what he upside down world. The cabin was doing and kept himself roof windows were now the alive with nibbles of chocolate

ers he had been swept away. Mr Bullimore was wearing Musto, an Essex-based company. That suit and the company's thermal breathable" underwear and middle-

around the wrists and neck, a waterproof zip and integral waterproof feet. The "breathable" middle layers are designed to allow perspiration to diffuse rather than form an icy cold film next to the skin. The third part of the equation was the emergency posi-

tioning indicating radio beacons (EPIRB) which all the competitors in the Vendée Globe were required to carry and which have become indispensable in mid-ocean rescues. There is a range of beacons made by companies around the world but they all work on the same principle. The beacons can be switched off or set to transmit either an alert signal or a distress signal via satellite to race headquarters. Some can be set to go off automatically when they are immersed in water and many are designed to transmit for

Mr Bullimore had one beacon on the stern of his boat and another in his liferaft, which was not activated. The third was with him in his upside-down cabin. That initially transmitted an alarm signal before he switched it to distress mode, something which helped to convince the Australian authorities he was alive and in his boat. Knowing that his EPIRB was working, with its light flashing continuously at him, will have gone a long way to convincing Mr Bullimore that eventually he

somebody with a terminal illness will live.

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#### layer clothing are likely to have made a big contribution to his survival, helping to fight hypothermia and irostbite. The dry suit is designed to floor and at least one of them and sips of fresh water. Every burst open with the pressure now and again he dived of the water, producing a through the freezing water fountain of icy water. under the deck to check the Mr Bullimore abandoned lashing on his liferaft, to make his pilot house at the top of the sure it had not freed itself, provide two to three hours' Will to live that marks a survivor

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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The unfathomable will to keep going makes it impossible to predict how long

equaintance was insistent that she would not die until after she had had a final Christmas with her family. She died on December 27.

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Ingenious keepers battle cold and beastly boredom as all but the hardiest animals are stuck indoors

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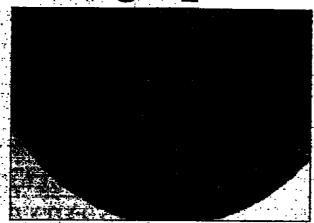
### It's too cool for cats as big chill grips the zoo

FOR the penguins and the timber walves, it's a bit like a home from home. But the snowy wastes of London Zoo. are proving less than hospitable for species from warmer climes. As temperatures remained at freezing point yesterday, keepers were at full stretch to keep spirits ap and

bodies warm. The Asian lions Kamal, 3 and Ruchi, 9, have been forced to remain indoors for mine days because the 20ft most that separates them from the few hardy visitors to their enclosure is frozen.

Matt Hennessey, 51, a se-nior keeper in the big cats section, said: We have to keep them in because they could try to walk over the water, which k would not be wise for public safety or their own. They could easily fall through the ice and drown. There's no point in breaking the ice, because it

only freezes over again." Kamal and Ruchi stayed close to the electrically heated panels in their indoor den, rising only occasionally to peer out of the window like cricketers from the pavilion on a wet day waiting for a break in the weather. Around the corner, a forlorn flock of Chilean pink flamingues remained on single legs to conserve heat and energy, the water level in their pool havprecaution. They are being fed



Rachi the lioness peers out of the enclosure where d has been forced to stay in the warm for nine days

in their sheds because the pellets which they eat freeze in

But, as the zoo counts the cost of extra straw and increased heating bills, some novelty of the coldest winter there since 1962-63.

Congi, the six-year-old rare Vienamese gibbon, which spent its early years as a pet in Jordan, has never seen snow before and thinks it's wonderful. It is the only primate at the 200 to have forsaken the 70F comfort of life indoors to swing among the snow flakes in its suspended plastic tub happy to chatter to anyone fancying a conversation.

Keith Lloyd, its keeper, said: "She loves it. She's like a child seeing snow for the first time:

it's difficult to persuade her back into the warm."

The chimps and gorillas have commanded a large proportion of the extra supplies of straw with which to amuse themselves and keep warm. Cardboard boxes, paper bags and plastic bottles of diluted, vitamin-rich blackcurrant juice have also been supplied as playthings to stave off the

Little needs to be done, however, to keep up the spirits of the Asian elephants, even though their regular walks through the "Arc in the Park" have been suspended in case they slip on the icy walkways and injure themselves.

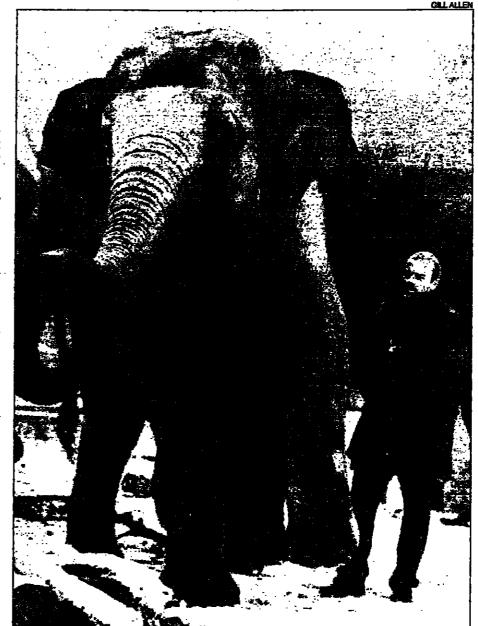
Dilberta, 17, Layang-Layang, 14, and Mya, 15, scoop up the snow with their

trunks and frisk with their keepers like children enjoying giant ice lollies. "It's a wonderful novelty for them," Brian Harman, the head keeper, said. They like snowballs being thrown at them, and if we build a snowman, they take great delight in knocking Josephine, the hornbill, who

at 50 is the oldest creature in the 200, was said to be coping well with the weather. "She is keeping dry and warm in the parrot house and anyone expecting her objusty will hopefully have a long while to wait," a spokeswoman said.

Jo Gipps, the director of London Zoo, said: The cold weather doesn't really affect the animals at the zoo. Those that like the cold can go out while those that are sensitive are keeping nice and warm." More than 10,000 reindeer have starved to death in Russia's remote Chukotsky Peninsula since freak weather conditions cut off the herds from their traditional winter pastures. A long rainfall followed by freezing temperatures covered traditional winter grazing areas of the tundra beneath a thick sheet of

Local herders have attempted to drive the remainder of the reindeer to less affected areas, but much of their livelihood and their food source has been wiped out. The herds have also been



The Asian elephants have had great fun scooping up the snow in their trunks

#### Man killed as snow hits travel in South

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

SNOW, ice and freezing temperatures caused traffic chaos, disrupted airports, and inflicted further hardships on wildlife yesterday.

The worst conditions were in south and southeast England, where up to four inches of snow fell in Kent and Sussex. Western Scotland was the warmest region, with tem-peratures of 4C. The coldest spot was Luton, at -1C.

Snow on the runway closed Luton airport for more than two hours. Seven aircraft were diverted to other air-ports. Stansted airport in Essex was closed for 45 minutes while the runway was cleared.

In Surrey, a man was killed and ten people injured in early-morning accidents in-volving more than 30 vehicles on the Hog's Back stretch of the A31 between Farnham and Guildford and on the A3 between Hindhead and Ripley. In Somerset, accidents Williton and Washford and the M5 near Highbridge.

In Kent, the AA took up to 2.000 calls an hour. The county's ambulance service dealt with around 500 calls an hour, mainly from people who had slipped on ice or been in road accidents.

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#### Oxford yields to campaign against Said school site

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

abandoned its controversial plan to site a £40 million business school on a sports ground in the city centre.

The decision, taken yesterday, followed widespread opposition among dons and city councillors to the use of the university sports field for school. The Mansfield Road site was the university's prereferred option. Mr Said, who has pledged £20 million towards the project, has given the university until June 21 to

find a new site. The Syrian-born businessman said in November that he was reconsidering his donation after Congregation, the dons' parliament, voted 259 to 214 against the proposal. A survey funded by Mr Said for business school. They have the dons' debate concluded that the sports ground was the only feasible location.

sources said that four sites were being considered but none was owned by the university. Buying land could add considerably to the cost of the scheme. Sites now under consideration are thought to include the Radcliffe Infirmary, which is due to move to the main John Radcliffe Hospital site, and car parks at Oxford's railway station and in Worcester Road. However, the hospital is unlikely to move before the planned opening of the business school next year.

Yesterday's decision avoided the need for a postal vote of all 3,200 university members on the use of the former Merton College field, which was given to the university in 1964 provided it remain a sports ground "in perpetuity". Mike Woodin, a lecturer in

OXFORD UNIVERSITY has psychology and a Green Party NOT since the earliest days of tion to the plans, said: "I am

and the staff sports club." He said dons remained the Wafic Rida Said business warv of the scheme because a majority of business school trustees were appointed by Mr Said, not the university.

delighted that we have forced the university to keep its

promise not to develop the

Mansfield Road site. This

saves an important open space

A university spokesman said: The University of Ox-ford and Mr Wafic Said and his fellow trustees of the Said Business School Foundation have joinfly agreed that it is not practicable to proceed with the proposal to build new premises on the Mansfield Road site for the university's not yet identified an alternative site which would be suitable and feasible but have Yesterday, - university agreed that the search should continue until the end of the Trinity term. A final decision will then be taken on whether it is possible to proceed.

The university and the benefactor remain firmly committed to the goal of develop-ing a world class business school on a central site in Oxford."

Edward Bickham, a spokesman for Mr Said, said it was a joint decision to pull out of Mansfield Road to avoid the rancour of a postal vote and further divisive debate. "We had already received hostile signals to the plan from the city council. We wanted to get back on to a reasonable timetable and this seemed the best way forward.\*

The university has raised £8 million towards its £20 million share of the project.

Mac Belisle, his new man-

was more modest: "I will have to work on my fitness. I used to play at university ten years ago and it would be great to bang in a few goals for Town. I am just worried they might tear my contract up when they have seen me in action at training." Ainwick's compact St

James's Park ground was built in the 1870s on the

John Common, the Alnwick chairman, said: "Despite having a member of the aristocracy on the books we are still desperate for cash and Jimmy will have to understand he won't be getting a playing fee or win bonus. I dare say he will have to put up with a bit of ribbing from the lads, but knowing him be will give as good as he gets."

#### Struggling football club signs up a lord

BY PAUL WILKINSON

football, when it was still a gentleman's game played by gentlemen, has a team boast-ed a lord among its players.

Alnwick Town FC hopes that the arrival of Lord James Percy will lift them from their the Northern League. Lord ase older brothe is the Duke of Northumberland, yesterday signed playing forms with the club in the family's home town.

ager, thinks the big striker could play an important part in dragging his side up the second divison of the league. Lord James, 31, a bachelor.

Duke's land in the shadow of Alnwick Castle. The present Duke is the club president, but Lord James will be just another player when he pulls on the team's black and white striped shirt. He insists team mates use his nickname.

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### A levels wrongly upgraded

Continued from page 1 conclusions to halt rumours about the severity of marking in English and the impact of a new examining code. The report, by five experi-

enced scrutineers; found so: many failings that "it was not possible to have confidence in the validity and reliability of the examinations". Although no grades will be altered. Dr Tate conceded that the inflated scores might have denied candidates who took other syllabuses their rightful university

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places. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the board's conduct had been "wholly unacceptable" and added weight to the case for reviewing the examining system. .The Oxford and Cambridge Examinations and Assess-

ment Council (OCEAC). which is now responsible for the syllabus, said it fully accepted the criticism. However, John Saunders, who chaired the examiners before resigning last July, denied any impropriety. He said it was a "total lie" that the team had been unduly influenced by candidates coming from famous independent schools.

He admitted that some grades 'had been increased without reference to the papers. Time constraints were such that if particular examiners were found to be out of line with the norm, their marks would be increased by a set amount across the board. At a press briefing-yesterday. Dr Tate said: "The way the examination process was conducted was unworthy of an examination board." He had demanded and received assurances that there would be no repetition in any of the board's syllabuses, but no further action was possible. A spokesman for the Inde-

pendent Schools Information Service said: "This is a very disturbing report. But there is no evidence of partiality being shown to independent schools." State school head teachers, however, were outraged. John Dunford, head of Durham Johnston Comprehensive School and tormer president of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "I am appalled that my students may have been put at a disadvantage. It is shocking if candidates from one sector have been given advantages in the competitive world of university admissions.

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### Cabinet told to ensure more jobs for the girls

CABINET ministers have been told to select women for one in three of all appointments to public bodies and ministerial committees, but

some ministers are aiming higher. The instructions have been issued by Roger Freeman, the Public Services Minister, but it is clear that some ministers are already helping to champion women. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, are the men doing most to help women into public life. according to a Whitehall document. They are even beating their two female Cabinet colleagues,

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary.

Michael Portillo, the Delence Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, have the lowest proportion of women on departmental committees: 4.7 per cent at the Ministry of Defence, and 9 per cent at the Ministry of Agriculture. But every department is being urged to do better.

Mr Freeman said yesterday: "We are not yet in a position where, statistically, one in every three public appointees is a woman. I want to reach that position quickly.

■ More women than ever are serving in positions of influence on public bodies and committees. The Government is determined to increase their number even further, Valerie Elliott writes

and to go beyond it. It's not positive discrimination, nor an official target, but I believe it's a convenient benchmark and as a minimum it's sensible and achievable."

The strategy was drawn up after monitoring the first five years of Whitehall achievements in relation to Opportunity 2000, the Business

in the Community scheme to help women in the workplace. Although women now fill 31 per cent of all public appointments, against 23 per cent five years ago. Mr Free-man has asked each department to increase its number of women and members of ethnic minorities. At the Scottish Office, Mr Forsyth women - 43 per cent - and wants sits on every body.

to increase the proportion to 46. Mr Howard wants the Home Office to ensure that women make up 45 per cent of all members of public bodies by September 2000 -the figure is 40 per cent now - and to maintain the ethnic minority proportion at 16 per cent. He also wants to include at least one

woman on every shortlist. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, wishes to boost the number of women on public bodies from the present 35' per cent to 40 per cent by 2000, and

Mrs Shephard's Department for Education and Employment has 36 per cent female representation on bodies and committees, but would like to increase that to 45 per cent. At the National Heritage Depart-

ment, Mrs Bottomley has 25 per cent of women on public bodies, and is aiming for 35 per cent. Mr Portillo hopes to boost the low showing at the MoD to 10 per cent or 15 per cent by 2000. But Mr. Hogg does not publish a target

The Whitehall rankings for ap-

appoints the highest number of to ensure that at least one woman pointing women to public bodies and committees, with 1991 figures in brackets: Scottish Office 43.2 per cent (35 per cent): Home Office 40.7 (38); Health 37.7 (26); Education and Employment 36.2 (previously separate departments: Employment 24; Education 20): Northern Ireland 35.5 (23): Social Security 35.3 (27): Treasury 28.3 (13): Heritage 26.1 (16); Tread and Industry 28.9 (19): The College 26.9 (19): Treasury 28.9 (19): Heritage 26.9 (19): Treasury 28.9 (19): Treasu 24.7 (14): Cabinet Office 22.9 (10); Environment 22.5 (19): Welsh Of fice 22.1 (18): Lord Chancellor's Department 21.9 (20.4); Foreign Office 21.6 (19): Transport 17.1 (12); Agriculture 9 (5): Defence 4.7 (5).

### Mother blames lack of council help for Rikki Neave's death

By Dominic Kennedy

THE mother of six-year-old Rikki Neave, who was found strangled near his home after she neglected him for years, yesterday blamed social workers for failing to answer her

Ruth Neave, 28, issued a statement from prison where she is serving seven years for neglecting her children, as a report said Rikki had been failed by social workers and

authorities (Richard Ford writes).

with their own immediate problems."

management in Cambridgeshire County Council's social services department. The report by The Bridge childcare consultancy made 29 recommendations for new procedures, although the council said some were already in

Neave, who was cleared of the boy's murder last year, called for a public inquiry and blamed social workers for

NEW REPORT, SAME OLD FINDINGS

Children's charities said last night that little had been

learnt from a series of inquries into how officialdom had

failed children who died while in the care of local

John Rea Price, director of the National Children's

Bureau, said: "More or less the same points come up in

each inquiry. It's the same story. The folks on the ground

don't talk to each other because of their preoccupation

Many of the criticisms made 25 years ago during the inquiry into the death of seven-year-old Maria Colwell

had continued to appear in later investigations. They

highlight inexperienced officials, poor communication

between agencies and departments, poor record-keeping,

overworked social workers and, at times, too much

adherence to ideology in place of common sense.



Her solicitor, Paul Bacon, said: "There seemed to have been a considerable breakdown in communication. She was asking for help and it never came. If she had been given respite care with Rikki. he would not have been wandering the streets that day."

Neave was "very enthusias tic" about one of the report's recommendations, that people who had been in care as children should be allocated a social worker if they became young parents. She was 17 and living in a home when she became a mother and had been in and out of foster homes since she was two.

At her trial, the court was told that Neave had been persistently cruel to Rikki and his three sisters. She had squirted washing-up liquid into her son's mouth, written "idiot" on his forehead and once dangled him over a



Ruth Neave and her son, Rikki, who was killed while playing truant; the mother claimed Cambridgeshire social services had done little to help her look after him

The Bridge Child Care Development Service said that in April 1994 Rikki's name was placed on the child protection register but, although he had been bruised no medical examination was made, his child protection investigation was never completed, there was no comprehensive assessment of his needs and a child psychol-

ogist's opinion was ignored. Rikki's files kept going missing and appeared to have been lost for up to two years before his death in November 1994. Cambridgeshire social

ervices was being reorganised in 1994 and there was an unusually high number of disputes among the Peterborough East team responsible for Rikki:

Gordon Lister, chief executive of Cambridgeshire County Council, was invited at a press conference yesterday to say sorry to Rikki's relatives. He responded: "We have great sympathy with the family.

The former director of social services, Tad Kubisa, has retired. Two social workers were suspended immediately after the trial and another on

the eve of this report's

publication. The family of Rikki's father, Trevor Harvey, are seeking a public inquiry to establish why the wider family was not considered in the handling of Rikki's case.

Sir Herbert Laming, Chief Inspector of Social Services for the Government, has given Cambridgeshire three months to implement the report's recommendations. These include seeking children's own opinions, improving file keeping and following guidelines

#### Brittan outlines risks of two-speed Europe Sir Leon Brittan gave warning yesterday that John

Sir Leon Britan gave warning yesterday that John Major's call for a two-speed European Union could leave Britain trailing in the wake of France and Germany.

Addressing Conservatives in Bristol. Britain's senior European Commissioner said: "The risk is that a small group of countries forge ahead into new areas of activity, leaving the rest behind, and, worst of all, the leading groups would have a discrepancial influence. The groups would have a disproportionate influence. That would amount to the division of the European Union into two, and an effective negemony by a small group. Exactly the outcome that Britain has for so long sought to avoid."

#### Protest at Gallagher caution

An all-party group of MPs and peers yesterday protested to the Home Secretary over the Oasis singer Liam Gallagher receiving no more than a police cantion for possessing cocaine. Tim Rathbone, Conservative chairman of the Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group, wrote to Michael Howard that Gallagher's "lenient" treatment would "bring the law into disrepute" and that the case was particularly serious houses he was particularly serious because he was particularly serious houses he was particularly serious health and he was particularly serious health and health he was health and health h ous because he was seen as an example by young people;

#### Gardiner's fresh challenge

Sir George Gardiner's hopes of remaining MP for Reigate suffered another blow yesterday after it emerged that more than 350 local Tories had signed a motion of no confidence in him. Many of them have rejoined the party so that they can vote against the veteran Euro-sceptic later this month: more than 100 left last June when Sir George defeated an attempt to descleet him. His opponents hope that if he loses

### ht will seel morally object to stand aside. £500 fine over Hawick ride

One of the leading opponents of women taking part in Hawich Common Riding was fined 1500 after a sheriff found him guilty of spitting at a woman rider and swearing at other supportess. John Rudkin, 50, a local councillor, had denied breaching the peace on June I when four women joined the all-male ride through Hawick to Denholm. He was sentenced by Jedburgh Sheriff Court after a hearing last month.

#### MoD could save millions'

The Ministry of Defence could save £27 million a year with more efficient use of electricity, gas and water, according to Sir John Bourn, the Compteoller and Auditor-General. It could save nearly £2-million by simply electing power and water bills. He praised the MoD for reducing its energy use by 20 per cent in five years but said there was still significant scopes for further savings on the £180 million bill for power and water.

#### Don quits over take degrees

The principal of a university college has resigned after colleagues uncarthed discrepancies in his Who's Who listing of academic and other achievements. Duane Wade-Hampton Arnold. 43, Principal of St Chad's College at Durham University, had been on leave of absence since the autumn. However, his entry in the 1997 Who's Who, published yesterday, still includes one of the bogus degrees, despite checks with the university.

#### Widow appeals over baby

Diane Blood, 31, the widow seeking to have her dead husband's baby, takes her case to the Court of Appeal on Monday. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority banned her from using his frozen sperm because she did not have his written permission. As unnamed widow with such consent is expecting twins. She is thought to be the first to become pregnant after sperm from her late husband was injected into her eggs.

#### Wakeham keeps press role

Lord Wakeham has agreed to stay on as chairman of the Press Complaints Commission until the end of 1999. The decision to extend his contract, which was to have copired at the end of 1997, had the full backing of Presbof, the newspaper industry board which funds the PCC Lord Wakeham is wilder considered in the industry as wellsuited to fending off statutory controls on the press.

#### Dog-lovers spurn Lassie

Gone are the days of Lassie: Rover, Ginger and Tiddles: six out of ten of dogs' names most often chosen by per owners. and five out of ten of the favourite cats' names also appear among the 50 most popular names for babies. The only traditional personance among the top ten, compiled by the pet insurers PetPlan, was Tigger. The favourite dogs' name was Max, and the favourite cats' name was Charlie.

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#### The Tory club that's ready for turning

By LIN JENKINS A CONSERVATIVE dub is

considering dropping its af-filiation to the Tories in an attempt to improve its popularity. Members of the club in Ilfracombe, Devon, have been asked to vote on the issue after numbers fell from 700 to 400.

The plan to alter the name to the Ilfracombe Club has saddened the National Asso-Clubs. Ken Hargreaves, seeretary of the association, said changing would not necessar-ily improve matters since such clubs normally re-mained known by their longestablished names,

Members did not have to be Conservatives. "But I would caution that while dropping the word might attract new people, it may work two ways and they lose the people who join only because it is the Conservative Club," Mr Hargreaves said.

Edward Turner, club secre-tary, said there were no political connotations in the change. "If it was called Uncle Henry's Club and we changed it to Uncle Thomas's, it would be the same."

He said most members omed to have somewhere to drink play snooker or billiards or to use the skittle alley. "The simple fact is that we face a lot of competition in the town for the people who might join. We have to find out how we can improve our share of the business."

### MPs back on Labour alliance

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LIBERAL Democrat divisions widened yesterday over moves to develop closer ties with the Labour Party. Opponents of cross-party discussions looked increasingly isolated as other MPs

enthusiastically backed Paddy Ashdown's drive to influence Labour thinking MPs led by Liz Lynne, the MP for Roch-dale, have criticised the party leadership for becoming involved in extensive discussions with Labour over constitutional and electoral reform, saying that such an alliance would strip the party of its independence.

However, some colleagues say that an alliance offers the party its best opportunity to influence the pace and extent of devolution and reforms to the House of Lords, as well as of bringing in a freedom of information Act.

Emma Nicholson, the former Tory MP, said that Ms Lynne was mistaken and was swayed by "doorstep prob-lems" in Rochdale, where the two parties were locked in a bitter contest: "I feel in my bones that, without a Liberal Democrat partnership, a Labour government will not be strong enough in its political will to achieve these changes,"

Talks between the parties are expected to be completed next month, but they face substantial problems over the Liberal Democrats' demand for Tony Blair to commit

#### 'Demon Eyes' posters win advertising award

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE Conservative Party's controversial "Demon Eyes" posters have won the 1996 Campaign of the Year award run by the advertising industry magazine Campaign.

The campaign, featuring a picture of the Labour leader Tony Blair with two sinister eyes superimposed on his face under the slogan "New Lab-our... New Danger", cost the Tory party £125,000 but gener-ated an estimated £5 million of free publicity in terms of press and broadcast coverage, according to the magazine.
Stefano Hatfield, Editor of

Campaign, said: The ad set

out to capitalise on the undercurrent of doubt about Tony Blair's personality -- does he smile too much and can you trust him? - and it succeeded." Although the actor whose

eyes were used in the campaign subsequently complained of the use to which they were put, the controversy surrounding the advertisement was seen as a key to its success. The Advertising Standards Authority subsequently ruled that the poster was offensive to Mr Blair and asked the Conservative Party to withdraw it, generating yet more publicity for the party. -

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'I am 99 per cent certain we are going back,' Virgin chief declares after winning family's support

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### Bullish Branson plans to reach for the skies again

RICHARD BRANSON New home yesterday and revealed that he would return to Mo-rocco for a third bid to circumnavigate the globe in a

The businessman, undaimted by the near-fatal collapse of Tuesday's voyage secured warm support from his wife and children within hours of

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and children within nours of the emergency landing in the Algerian desert.

Mr Branson, speaking to The Times at the London control centre of the Virgin Challenger, said: "I enjoy life, but I want to try again. I want to do it. I am 99 per cent certain we are some back. But More than a second of the seco certain we are going back. But we have to ensure we have the resources to make it practically and technically possible."

Mr Branson disclosed that

the crew lost control as the balloon lost height because the sealed helium bubble inside it, which was supposed to provide the buoyancy, cooled too quickly. The sun heated the helium during the day but the three small propane gas burners used at night were either turned on too late or were not powerful enough.

Mr Branson, who arrived on a private jet from Algiers, where he was a gnest of the Government, said: "We dis-cussed at length the technology of heating the helium on the flight home. I'm confident we can get round the problem.



Richard Branson in the Virgin Challenger capsule before the flight which nearly ended in disaster

will be going back." The Virgin team is already examining whether it can create a more efficient heating system or whether the fabric of the balloon's envelope can be

.made more heat-absorbent. Mr Branson was home last night for dinner with his wife Joan, 50, and their two child-ren, Sam, 11, and Alex, 14. Mrs. Branson, who had previously been opposed to the expedi-tion, is prepared to support her husband if the helium issue can be resolved. Mr Branson added: "We would return to Marrakesh. It is the ideal setting." The Moroccan Government has already invited the Virgin team.

the courage of Alex Ritchie, 52, the last-minute stand-in who clambered on top of the capsule at 6,000ft to dump the cylinders and halt Challenger's precipitate descent.

Mr Branson said: "He is even cooler than I thought. If anyone was going to get the cylinders undone it was Alex. He did it in temperatures of -60. I think he saved our lives." Asked his thoughts at the

time, he said: "It is hard to be confident when you are heading for the ground at speeds of up to 2,000ft a minute. I remember thinking, 'If we get out of this alive, I will never do it again'. Three hours later. when we were sitting in the spectacular Sahara, I was not

chanical engineer, said: "I have a well-developed sense of preservation. But I was glad it was dark and I could not see the ground. I might have fumbled it. In a moment of crisis you do not think about

Mr Branson denied reports that the balloon had consumed too much helium on take off. But he confirmed that early into the flight over the Atlas mountains they had been alerted by technicians on the ground that they had omitted to unlock the safety mechanism to release the propane gas burners if they had needed to offload ballast.

Per Lindstrand, the second member of the crew, who designed and built the balloon, said: "The safety coupling was a problem at the launch site. It may have been human error.'

Mr Branson, who has ploughed millions of pounds into two failed circumpavigation attempts, made a relatively inexpensive mistake on board when he dumped the crew's food and emergency supplies. He said: "I have just discovered there was \$2,000 about £1,200] in one of the emergency packs. It's now lying somewhere in the

The crew has been invited to the launch in Switzerland at the weekend of the Breitling Orbiter balloon, which is also attempting to circumnavigate



Mr Branson paying tribute to Alex Ritchie, who risked his life to save the balloon

the globe. Mr Branson said: by the Breitling company with "We will be delighted to be one of their £2,000 watches. there. If they beat us to it, I will take my hat off to them. But we might try to do it even faster next year."

At the end of the press conference. Mr Ritchie was embarrassed to be presented

He had said the day before that he had thrown his out of the balloon in the race to lose ballast. "It was just a windup," he sheepishly confessed.

Mr Branson paid tribute to the round-the-world yachts-

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man, Tony Bullimore, who was found alive yesterday in the Southern Ocean. "He is typical of the same British spirit of adventure which drove the Virgin Challenger crew," he said.

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#### **Ballooning** craze takes flight at auction

By Dalya Alberge

A PRIVATE collection of 18th-century fans, sewing kits and boxes decorated with images that reflect a balloon-ing craze which took off in the 1780s is to be sold this

The collection, to be auctioned on January 30, traces the history of the sport. A French portable wooden sun-1783, when the Montgolfier Brothers first demonstrated a balloon, and a French ivory snuff box shows the first human flight in November that year by the Marquis d'Arlandes, who persuaded Louis XVI that he should be allowed to make the trip. The king had decreed that only condemned men should take such a risk. The objects are

Although a law in Paris forbade any man from taking "young female persons" in a balloon "in case anything untoward happened", the sport remained fashionable for about 18 months. Alexan-

der Crumb Ewing of Bonhams, the auctioneers, explained that as the craze died, so the souvenirs were discarded. 'Today, they are extremely rare and we are fortunate that this collection is so rich in contemporary

#### Tonsil test offers The second and the second and early diagnosis of beef-link CJD

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

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The discovery will show respond to treatment. The test-unreliable operation to reinvolves removing a small move a piece of brain tissue.

piece of tissue from the tonsils. - Professor Collinge said it an easy and safe procedure which can be done under local

Professor John Collinge and colleagues at Imperial College and St Mary's Hospital, London, report in *The Lancet* that they have found a prion protein characteristic of the new strain of CJD in a tonsil sample taken from a 35-yearold woman who died of the

The prion protein was dis-CJD is different from other

cessing plant in Normandy.

The findings challenge current thinking that so called leukaemia clusters around nuclear stations had nothing to do with radioactive dis-

charges into the environment.

The research has emerged

SCIENTISTS believe they versions but virtually identical

diagnosed with certainty only. stages the symptoms are after death. similar to other degenerative diseases which are treatable. whether the disease is spread- The only available means of early signs of dementia would brain biopsy, a dangerous and

> was too soon to predict how many cases of the new strain of CJD there would be, but if an epidemic ensued a simple diagnostic test would be essential to monitor its progress. He added: "In the long term we might be able to treat CID. If that happens, we don't want to wait till they are dementing before they get it. We would want to treat them early."

In sheep, the tonsil test can reveal the presence of scrapie, covered by the same team last similar to BSE in cows and October in the brains of people CID in humans, before sympwho died with the disease. It toms appear. If the human provided evidence of a link tonsil test revealed CJD before with eating beef because it: symptoms were apparent, it showed that the new variant of could reassure anyone who had eaten beef.

Leukaemia linked to

nuclear discharges

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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FRENCH government scientella in people aged tist have found a link between under 25 around the La

#### **BMA** calls for ban on commercial surgeries

By JEREMY LAURANCE

PHARMACIES and supermarkets should be stopped from running GP services to save the NHS from privatisation, doctors' leaders said. The British Medical Associ-

ation said it would oppose government plans to allow commercial organisations to employ family doctors becrisk from exploitation. It is to seek an amendment to the Primary Care Bill, now before Parliament, to ensure that only NHS trusts and GP

practices are permitted to run

GP services. Under the Bill, published last month, commercial firms can apply to set up and run such services, provided they have the backing of an NHS trust or family doctor. The first moves are expected from NHS trusts, but ministers are keen to encourage maximum innovation and have said they will consider all proposals.

Unichem, one of Britain's biggest pharmacy chains, is the first commercial organisation to declare an interst in the scheme. It has said it wants to set up one-stop health shops combining GP services, minor surgery, chiropody and

On Wednesday, the council of the BMA voted to protect the NHS from "direct or indirect privatisation. Dr Ian Boxle, chairman of the GPs committee said that the aim of helping patients could conflict with a commercial organisation's need to make a profit for shareholders.

The Health Department said: "We have made it quite clear throughout that there is no intention of privatiisng the NHS. What we are looking at are services that would be delivered under the auspices of the NHS." No supermarket had expressed interest and there was no indication that

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the development of leukac-mia was linked with visits to

the beach and eating local shellfish. It was found that

children who visited beaches near La Hague at least once a month were three times more

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

show. Some sole practitioners

which also discovered that one stark gap between the earning three solicitors were ings of big commercial firms women, found most weath and small or one-person firms ered the recession, with the in England and Wales.

pace with inflation, statistics overseas. But it was not gathered by the Law Society enough to keep pace with inflation and the profession's made as little as £21,000 a growth, so solicitors earnings

and profits fell: and profits tell.

The Law Society research. The statistics highlight the

bigger firms faring best those For sole practitioners, the with 11 to 25 partners had a 13 average profit was £46,000, per cent increase in profits in but one in four made £21,000 or less, in firms of two to four

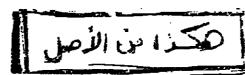
THE earnings of small firms with solicitors accounting for five to ten partners, or 11 to 25 of solicitors have failed to keep [531]million of earnings from partners, average profits were partners, average profits were £66,000 and £88,000 respectively. Firms of 26 to 80 partners showed average profits per equity partner in 1994/95 of £116,000.

Since 1986, the total number

The statistics show the rapid growth in the profession, by 214 per cent since 1966. Nearly half, 45 per cent, have been 1995 over 1994 or less. In firms of two to tour name over 1994. The local immover of the partners, the average profit qualified for less than 10 years. The average age of a women solicitor is 35 compared with in 1994/95 to nearly £7 billion £30,000 or less. For those with

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### McCartney hits back at widow over song sale

SIR Paul McCartney accused the BBC yesterday of trying to make The Beatles look like "widow-beaters" in an increasingly acrimonious dispute over the ownership of lyrics he wrote 30 years ago.

The musician, who was knighted in the new year honours list, reacted angrily to last night's Watchdog programme in which the widow of the band's road manager criticised Sir Paul for seeking an injunction banning her from selling a piece of paper on which he had scribbled the words to With A Little Help From My Friends.

Mal Evans was killed by police in Los Angeles in 1976 after brandishing an imitation gun. His widow, Lily, 60, had document, which she found among his belongings, would make up to £80,000 at Sotheby's last year. However, Sir Paul, who is believed to be worth about £400 million, obtained an injunction halting the sale and argued that Mrs Evans was trying to sell property that did not belong to

yesterday that he would make sure Mrs Evans and her family were well provided for. but he wanted the lyrics back. "The programme is trying to make The Beatles out to be widow beaters. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I would like to meet Mrs Evans and discuss this and come to some arrangement to see that she is taken care of

and that the lyrics are returned. They were never Mal's lyrics and therefore any relative of Mal's, such as Mrs Evans, does not have the right of ownership to these lyrics. "I am surprised that Watch-

dog is doing this report. I thought Watchdog was normally on the side of people who have been ripped off.
"Those song lyrics were
picked up by Mal Evans as part of his duties as a Beatles

employee. They were held in trust by him on behalf of The Beatles. I don't wish to cause any trouble for Mrs Evans or for her children, whom I remember fondly, but I do feel strongly that these original manuscripts should be returned to their owners." Mrs Evans told Watchdog:



Paul McCartney with Mal Evans, who kept the scribbled lyrics. His widow, Lily, hoped to sell them for £80,000

"I don't know why he would want to do that. It wouldn't be for the money and he lets other people sell, so I don't know why he would want to stop me. He was a good friend of Mal's and you would think that if I was in Paul's shoes I would want to be helpful, rather than

hinder. She said that her husband, who was The Beatles' road throughout the

1960s, had left her without a pension. "If he had remained in his Post Office job I would have been better looked after." Mrs Evans's son, Gary, said

that his father and Sir Paul had been "best buddies". He added: "I think of everything Dad did for him. He'd be on 24 hours' notice and he'd do anything for Paul, he loved the guy. I don't think he can have

Geoff Baker, Sir Paul's publicist, said that approaches had been made to Mrs Evans through her lawyers and one of Sir Paul's personal assistants had visited her to make a generous financial offer. "It is mystifying why she is doing this. Paul has said that, if she is facing hardship. The Beatles will make sure she and

her children are taken care of." He added that the band

had paid off her mortgage after her husband died and that she had made money through sales of other Beatles memorabilia.

Watchdog said that Sir Paul had refused to respond to its questions about the proposed sale, but Mr Baker said that no approaches had been made through him

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### TV detective returns Betjeman's long-lost wandering ghost to the screen



By Alexandra Frean MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FIVE travel films by Sir John Betjeman, believed to have been lost for more than 30 years, have been tracked down after two years of detective work by a television producer. He set out on his quest after stumbling across part of the footage

in a warehouse attic.

The films, in which the former Poet Laureate makes a plea to save

the beauty of small English towns. are described by Gerry Dawson, who found them, as a "classic insight into English social and

cultural history".

Mr Dawson, a producer for the ITV company HTV, began by looking through film cans found in the disused HTV scenery warehouse in Cardiff for anything of interest. The cans were so rusty that the only way to open them was by banging them on a concrete floor, but the film inside was in remarkably good condition," he said. "I put it in an old viewing machine and saw that there were shots of Weston-super-Mare. Suddenly a bloke wearing a straw hat appeared and I recog-

nised Betjeman." Made in 1962, the films mainly offer Betjeman's idiosyncratic views on seven West Country towns -Devizes, Northlew, Swindon, Chipham, Crewkerne, Sherborne and Sidmouth. He told viewers:

"I'm not a mad preservationist, but I hate to see the heart of an old town left to go to ruin. No one wants slums preserved, but thousands of old cottages, condemned and dead, could so easily be repaired."

At that time sound was recorded on separate reels and, because the soundtrack was not available for the first reel he watched, Mr Dawson did not know what he had discovered. Research led him to Jonathan Stedall, who had directed Betje-

He had kept the scripts, from which Mr Dawson discovered that there were five films in the series. The Devizes footage was traced to 2 blacksmith, an amateur historian, who had kept it behind a bookease. More was found in film libraries and another old HTV building. The

films, some with soundtracks rerecorded by Nigel Hawthorne, will be shown on Channel 4 for three

#### Frozen fields lift prices of fresh vegetables

THE freezing weather is hit-ting supplies of fresh vegeta-bles, especially cauliflowers, spring greens, Brussels sprouts and leeks, though prices are still said to be average for the time of year. Main-crop potatoes are back. up to 10 to 14p a pound. There are, though, good supplies of broccoli, courgettes and salad items imported from Sp

Some species of fish are also in short supply, but whiting is a good buy at £1.10 to £1:65 a pound according to size. Announced promotions include: Asda: fresh pork chops £3.99 kg, avocados 99p for five, onions 32p for 1.25kg, Suntina oranges EL49 for 1.25kg, ly-

chees 79p for 250g. Budgens: fresh whole chicken 13.29 for 1.9kg, smoked Dutch back bacon rashers £1.39 for 250g. large eggs 99p for 12, crumpets 28p for eight: Co-op (CWS): Bernard Matthews frozen crispy crumb turkey burgers 64p for 283g.

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lectand: pork chops £3.95 for six, fish and chops for two £1.99, coley fillets £1.99 for 680g; peas 79p for 907g. Marks & Spencer: family size Cumberland pie 12.49. salmon Cumberland pie El 59 each,

marinated gammon steak £L99 pack. Safeway: rump steak £6.06 kg, six large chicken breast fillets £5.32 kg, chicken tikka masala £1.99 for 340g. Somerfield: pork loin chops £3.37 kg. smoked haddock fillet £3.72 kg, baking potatoes 9p lb, fine beans 68p for 250g. Waitrose free range chickens (lkg to 23kg) £299, duckling (1.9kg to 25kg) £279, North-Atlantic cooked and peeled

prawns £1.49 for 115g. ROBIN YOUNG

#### **Bupa faces** trading ban in Ireland

Michael Noonan the Irish Health Minister, threatened to ban Bupa from operating in Ireland if it did not after its" healthcare policies. He claimed that they discriminated against the sick and elderly. Under Irish law all health insurers must abide by a "community rating" and charge a healthy 25-year-old the same as a frail 85 year old. Bupa was set up in the Republic in November in opposition to the state owned Voluntary Health Lusurance

#### RAF jet crashes

An RAF fighter pilot ejecter from his Harrier GR7 as it crashed on the runway at its home base in Germany. The pilot broke his leg in the incident at the Laarbrich airbase on the German-Dutch border, but nobody else was hurt The Harrier had no weapons on board.

#### Boy, 10, charged

A ten-year-old boy has been charged with affray and wounding with intent over an incident in which a woman's eye was pierced with a knife outside a primary school in Doncaster, south Yorkshire The boy was bailed to reappear before magistrales un

#### N-plant fire

A nuclear reactor has been shut down after a small fire at Heysham power station near Morecambe in Lancashire Nuclear Electric said the fire, which started after an oil leak in a turbine, had been put out immediately. The reactor would remain closed pending repairs and an investigation. Shops dividend

#### Gyle shopping centre from the city council for £122 million. The council may be able to cut the tax for band D properties. by £17, or it could spend the money on education and

Council tax in Edinburgh may be reduced after Marks & Spencer agreed to buy the

transport projects. Protesters bailed Three road protesters accused of crimmal damage to the arden of Sir George To the Transport Secretary, at Cookham, Berkshire, have been freed on bail by Maidenhead magistrates. Seven other protesters will appear before

#### magistrates next month. 300th millionaire

Malcolm Coomber, 49, an accountant from Sutton. Surrey, became the National Lottery's 300th millionaire since its baunch more than two years ago after sharing the week's jackpot with ten others He won £1,016,676. He plans to buy a red Ferrari.



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Britain's 900,000-strong Indian community 'reinforces values and creates unbreakable bond'

### Major woos Asian voters as campaign goes to Calcutta

JOHN MAJOR blazed the election trail 5,000 miles from home vesterday when he used a speech here to make a barely veiled pitch for the millionplus Asian vote in Britain.

In a speech to the Confeder-ation of Indian Industry before an audience of several thousand in a vast indoor Minister praised the 900,000strong Indian community in Britain speaking of its thrift, hard work and entrepreneurial flair.

He said the community reinforced British values such as the importance of the family the need for a sound ethical framework to govern conduct and a belief in the ability to make life better for its children through education and enterprise. In schools, the health service, local government and Parliament, as well as in the private sector, the Indian community made an "important, thoughtful and highly appreciated contribution". Mr Major declared.

On his way to India, Mr Major said that although the election would be important when it came, the "normal activities of government must proceed\*. He was responding to MPs and ministers who have privately questioned whether he should be out of the country with the election effectively under way.

He has emphasised that the main purpose of his trip is to boost British trade - he is accompanied by more than 50 of Britain's leading industrialists - and to mark the liftieth anniversary of Indian independence. But he found it difficult from the moment he landed in Calcutta yesterday to get away from echoes of the

domestic campaign. Hundreds of people had turned out at an early hour to line the route into the city from the airport, and throughout the day he received a states-man's treatment. When he visited the Swinhoe Lane slum, renovated with British

**6** The trip's main aim is to boost British trade and mark 50 years of independence 9

aid money, Mr Major and his wife Norma were drummed in and serenaded out by residents blowing conch shells.

It felt almost like an election. He had begun the week with a row over beggars with Tony Blair. But here, hundreds of thousands of protesters had indirectly blamed him for Operation Sunshine, a hardline move to clear the streets of illegal street traders. They claimed it was all done to coincide with his arrival and accused the authorities of allowing a new form of colonialism. It was claimed that the

with great brutality.

Then, in his speech to the higgest audience he has faced. Mr Major appeared to confirm that there was an electoral reason behind his trip, apart from the credit he believes he receives for being seen on the world stage.

He spoke of the huge contribution made by the Indian community, one that had pros-pered and widened. "As an integral part of British society they create an unbreakable bond between our countries."

The South Asian vote in Britain — people with origins in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh - is some 3 per cent of the population, making it easily the largest ethnic grouping. Labour calculates that in 12 of its top 60 target seats the Asian vote could be decisive. The two largest are in Hord South and

Suspicions that Mr Major might use his trip to bolster the Asian vote had been fuelled by the disclosure that he is soon to address a meeting of the Asian communiry at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London.

Shortly after his arrival. Mr Major witnessed the signing of three joint ventures with Indian companies. He also announced that Britain would grant £41 million for primary education in West Bengal, and watched a few overs of a cricket match between Lancashire and Eastern Region.

Leading article, page 2)



### £50,000 pledged for research to save Bengal tiger

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN APPEAL to India to do more to save the threatened tiger was delivered by John Major in Calcutta yesterday. More than half the world's 7,700 or so tigers in the wild live in the Indian forests, but

their numbers are falling because poachers are slaughtering them and selling the carcasses for use in traditional medicine. The Prime Minister told the Confederation of Indian Industry that trade must have a heart and a conscience as well as a profit. He said: "I very much regret the sad fact that the tiger has become one of the most en-

dangered animals in the world today." British officials said that Britain was to give £50,000 to groups researching ways to improve conservation methods. Mr Major weicomed the steps India was taking, but said that more needed to be done. Britain would continue to work with India and other

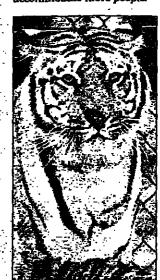
countries to find a solution. He added: "The tiger is a proud and glorious animal. We must ensure his survival so that our great grandchildren can enjoy his grace and power as much as we do."

The indian tiger population, estimated at 3,000 to

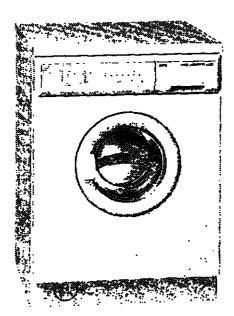
4,000 animals, is down from about 40,000 at the beginning of the century. The race living on the Indian subcontinent is the Bengal tiger. Three races, the Caspian, the Bali and the Javan, are extinct. The last surviving races are the Ben-gal, the Indo-Chinese, the Sumatran, the South China and the Amur or Siberian. All tigers are protected

under the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species. It hans trade in tiger parts, skins and bones. But the demand for tiger parts to supply the Chinese and oriental medicines trade has led to poach ing throughout the 1990s. Booming human populations and their need for housing and farmland are also bringing the tiger increasingly into conflict with villagers.

India has 21 reserves specifically managed for tigers con-taining about a third of the remaining animals. They are also found in a further 80 protected areas. However, as new areas are added, some reserves are under threat. The key Melghat reserve is to be reduced in area by a third to



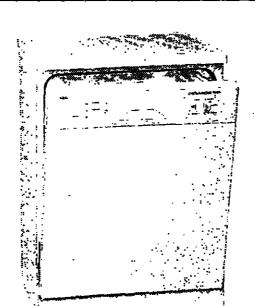
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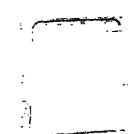
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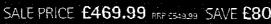


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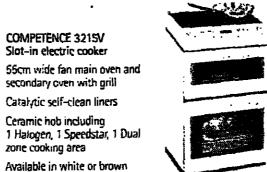
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#### 60 troops killed in Sri Lanka attack

FROM VUITHA YAPA IN COLOMBO

SIXTY Sri Lankan soldiers were killed yesterday and more than 200 injured when Tamil separatists attacked two army camps in Paranthan and Elephant Pass, northern Sri

Lanka, military sources said. They added that more than 500 terrorists from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam were either wounded or killed in the pre-dawn attack; according to rebel sources. In addition to attacks from the land using heavy artillery, Tamils had turned up in boats. Army sources said they suspected that the heavy artil-

lery used had been captured

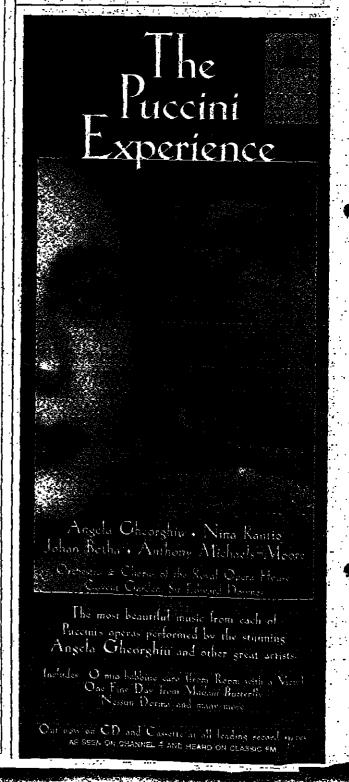
when the Tamils overran an

army camp at Mullaittivu last

ear, killing more than 1,000 soldiers. Twenty-two seriously in-

ured soldiers were flown yesterday to Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, for treatment. Military sources said the death toll could be much higher. The Tigers fled from northern territories attacked by Sri Lanka's armed forces

The attack took place as the Government was working on devolution plans. The Justice Minister has said the Government may hold a referendum if the opposition United National Party does not co-operate to achieve the majority needed to pass the legislation.





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THE TIMES FRIDAY JANUARY 10 1997

# Stars accuse Germany of persecuting Scientologists From Rocer Boyes IN BONN DUSTIN HOFFMAN, Goldle Hawn and other Hollywood star joined forces with to film producers, directors and wiless yesterday in attack German discrimination THE TIMES FRIDAY JANUARY 10 1997 Stars accuse Germany of persecuting Scientologists AN OPEN-LETTER TO HELMUT KOHL Chaincelle of the Corona Fueled Republic measures and have called for measures of the "Scientology Church Germany" which is not accepted by the German

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Hitler's treatment of the Jews. The broadside from Tinseltown came in an open letter to Helmut Kohl which the German Chancellor rejected yesterday. The 34 signatories, Herr Kohl said, "have no idea about Germany and do not want to learn about the country, otherwise they would never have dreamt up something like this".

The letter, published in a full-page advertisement in the International Herald Tribune, seemed to signal an all-out publicity offensive on behalf of the Scientologists. "We implore you to bring an end to this shameful pattern of organised persecution," the stars said. "It is a disgrace to the German nation."

The signatories said that they were not Scientologists. Film stars such as Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman and John Travolta, who are members of the Church of Scientology, have already protested about what they regard as persecution. But as Ger-man authorities consider whether to monitor Scientologists with the help of plainclothes police and as Scientologists are excluded from some Civil Service jobs. so the anger of the Hollywood establishment has increased.

Cherry Lansing. The appeal was directed to

such as Aaron Spelling and

lence as it did before."



Hawn: has film showing in German cinemas

in any country that conceives of itself as a modern democra-Herr Kohl partly because he is chairman of the Christian cy. This organised oppression Democratic party, which has is beginning to sound familiar like the Germany of 1936 been the most energetic in combating Scientology. rather than 1996. It should be

The youth wing of his party stopped - now, before it spreads and increases in viruorganised a boycott of the film Mission Impossible because its leading actor and co-pro-The letter was signed not only by Mr Hoffman and Ms Hawn, both of whom have ducer was Cruise. Chick Corea, the American jazz pianist, had to cancel his films showing in German cinperformance at a state-sponemas, but also by Oliver Stone, the director, Gore Vidal sored concert in Stuttgart because of his association with and Mario Puzo, the writers, Larry King, the CNN talkshow host, and producers Scientology.

The protesting Hollywood stars compared such boycotts

and bans with the Nazi bookburnings of the 1930s. Ed-mund Stoiber, Bavaria's conservative Prime Minister, has described Scientology as a subversive, intolerant, racist organisation that wants to replace our society with a totalitarian regime". From last November, applicants for jobs in Bavaria's Ĉivil Service have been questioned about their links to Scientology and are rejected if they are associated

with the group.

Other regional politicians have also accused the sect of being a danger to German society and have called for the group to be put under surveillance or even banned. However, the country's 16 regional

church or religion. In 1995 a court in Kassel ruled that Scientology was a business organisation. The spiritual content and the outside appearance of the community should reflect its religious nature. But this is not the case with the Scientology Church Germany, which in reality is engaged in trade," the court ruling said.

Both sides in this increas-ingly acrimonious dispute invoke the Nazi past. Ursula Caberta, director of a Hamburg-based taskforce investigating Scientology, said that before she got involved in the project she used to think "if you are stupid enough to believe in Scientology, that's your problem.
"But now I truly believe if

you analyse [L. Ron] Hubbard the founder of Scientology and his writings, you will see that he is promoting the idea of a totalitarian state and of the Chermensch | the superman]. Instead of talking about Aryans, as Hitler did, he is talking about Scientologists. Because of our history we have to be much more careful about this kind of thing spreading."

The star-studded letter writers approached the problem from the opposite corner yesterday. In the Germany of the 1930s, they wrote, "Hitler



Tom Cruise, left, whose film was boycotted, and Chick Corea, who had to cancel a Stuttgart concert appearance

made religious intolerance official government policy, Jews were at first marginalised. then evaludes from many ac-tivities, then vilified and ultimately subjected to unspeakable horrors in the 1930s, it was the Jews. Today it is the Scientologists.7

When Cruise and other Scientologist stars made similar links in newspaper adver-

tisements last year, Ignaz Bubis, the head of the Jewish community in Germany. described such claims as oflensive and insulting to millions of Jewish victims of the Holocaust. The US State Department

also distanced itself from the pro-Scientology advertise-ments, saying: "This is an outrageous charge against the German Government by an American group. It bears no resemblance to the facts of

what is going on there." The Scientologists have operated uneasily in Germany since the 1970s, but despite occasional frictions, there has been nothing to match the intensity of the present row. Several German Cabinet ministers have become involved in

the Family Affairs Minister. argues that "Scientology aims for world domination and the

destruction of our society". The Scientologists deny that they have any political aims. They say that their critics are misinformed and that religious freedom is under threat

intimately involved in the multimillion-dollar industry

surrounding him have signed

the letter to the International Herald Tribune: John Calley,

head of Sony Pictures, which

is distributing Jerry Maguire;

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The same appears to be true

of Fred Westheimer, Travol-ta's agent at the William Morris Agency, who also signed the letter. Travolta's

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### Coup for church as studios fear box-office boycott

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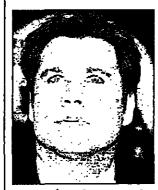
THE Church of Scientology's latest broadside is ostensibly a major coup in its international quest for credibility, enlisting a brace of powerful Hollywood luminaries with no direct link to the group to support its persecution claims. Closer study of the list of

signatories to vesterday's open letter reveals, however, that many have close and lucrative ties to the world's two besttop box-office draws Tom Cruise and John Travolta. Dustin Hoffman, Aaron

Spelling, the relevision producer, and Sidney Sheinberg, the former Universal Studios' chief, are among high-profile Jewish signatories to back the letter's claims. But many others appear to have feared films starring Travolta and Cruise - and his wife and fellow Scientologist Nicole Kidman - might be boyconed by German cinemagoers who represent a third of Hollywood's booming European

market. As the star of Mission Impossible, which took \$180 million in America alone, and of the current hit about an idealistic sports agent, Jerry Maguire (\$83 million and counting), Cruise, 35, acknowledged as the world's

most bankable actor. Six of the executives most



Travolta: phenomenal

Pulp Fiction in 1994 has included such unlikely hits as Phenomenon and Michael. currently tied at number one with Jerry Maguire in the American box-office charts. Phenomenon, about a countryman experiencing heightened awareness before dving from a brain tumour, took \$104 million in America and included thinly disguised paeans to "clear" thinking core aim of Scientology. Other stars known to be practising Scientologists in-

clude Kirstie Alley. Mimi Rogers (Cruise's ex-wife). Sonny Bono, Nancy Cartwright and the jazz pianist Chick Corea. The 40-year-old church recently suffered a legal blow when a long-running lawsuit against Time magazine over a

wounding 1991 expose was dismissed by a US federal

#### Fast-growing sect wins credibility in Britain

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTOLOGY, which was II nationwide, was set up to brought to Britain in 1954, is gaining up to 4,000 recruits a year, and now has more than 100,000 members in this country.

The religion has been gain-

ing credibility and acquired significant new recognition when, under new Home Office guidelines published at the end of last year. Scientology leaders were granted the right to enter the country as recognised religious ministers. Although the sect has so far failed to attract celebrity support as it has done in the United States, it has a small church in central

London similar to that frequented by the Hollywood stars in Los Angeles. The London church, one of three

Scientology began in 1950 with the publication of Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health, by L Ron Hubbard who believed a person is neither a body nor a mind, but a spiritual being. The sect

serve British celebrities.

claims to be a religion in the most traditional sense, dealing with the person as spirit rather than the product of material circumstances. The church has in the past been defined as a cult by the Home Office, and in 1968 was deemed "socially harmful". Members were barred from

The group has also applied for charitable status, and a established in the capital and decision is pending.

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### Kohl rejects vote on euro in face of record jobless toll

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, yesterday ruled out the possibility of holding a referendum on economic and monetary union want a referendum. (EMU) although nearly three-But the Chancellor, in his quarters of Germans say they favour such a vote before

giving up the mark. I'm a committed supporter of representative democracy." he said. Germany had negative experiences with referendums in the interwar Weimar Republic and to introduce it now "would lead quickly to another kind of republic.

Herr Kohl was responding to an opinion poll which showed that more than half of Germans are against introducing the single currency in January 1990. The survey revealed that only 15 per cent believed that the euro would be as strong as the mark.

The German constitution makes no provision for holding referendums but pressure

it to enable a popular vote on the euro. The poll, conducted by the Forsa Institute and published yesterday, showed that 73 per cent of Germans

traditional new year news conference, thundered: "I am against it in principle."

No other country in Europe, he said, voted as often as the Germans; polls in 16 regional states occur throughout the political calendar, giving Germans the chance to air their views on the shift to EMU. Herr Kohl said he had little

doubt that Germans would in any case vote for the euro if a referendum were held. "We have a clear majority in the business community," he said. The euro's potential for cre-

ating jobs is a matter of dispute. The arguments could intensify after figures released yesterday showed record postunemployment month of 4.13 million. The trade union federation said the true number was nearer seven million. But Herr Kohl declared that it was possible to halve unemployment by the millennium.

He also echoed - though more diplomatically - the comments by Klaus Kinkel. his Foreign Minister, about need for Britain to decide its future European course. Herr Kinkel's comments angered British Eurosceptics.

"I know Klaus Kinkel was criticised in the British media and I have no intention of meddling in the internal affairs of Austria ... er, sorry England," Herr Kohl said. But Britain had to hold its election by May and "this placed it right in the middle of the critical talks on the inter-

governmental conference." British politics, there were many competing views on the EU. "So this election is a clear vote of Britain's destiny."



An anti-riot policeman is fed with a biscuit by a young woman during a student protest in Belgrade yesterday

#### Belgrade opposition keeps up pressure

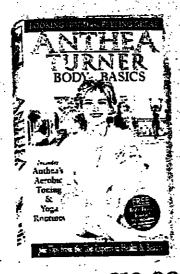
THE partial climbdown this week by President Milosevic over election results in Nis. Serbia's second tity, has failed to lift the pressure on his Socialist Government the centre of Belgrade remains paralysed and there are escalating demonstrations in 42 other towns and cities.

"Milosevic's gesture means nothing as far as we are concerned, said Vuk Draskovic, leader of the Zajedno' opposition coalition. "He tried to steal Belgrade and his

attempt to buy time."

Nis is the dominant city of southern Serbia and a tradinonal industrial bastion of Socialist support. The second round of elections in November gave the opposition a clear majority and 41 seats. The results were revoked by Mr Milosevic, but partially reinstated two days ago as part of a conciliatory feint when state TV announced that Zajedno's victory in Nis gave the opposition 37 seats.

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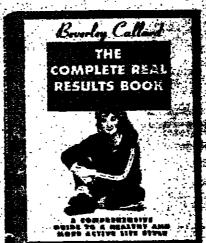


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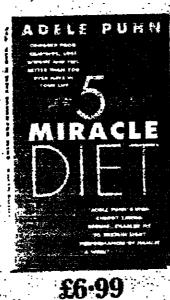


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#### Date set for Nigerian elections

Abuja: Nigerians are due to go to the polls on March 15 in the country's first municipal elections on a party basis since General Sani Abacha seized power in November 1993, the electoral commission said yesterday. Five registered parties will field candidates.

The elections should have taken place in the last quarter of 1996 under a phased programme for the transfer of power from General Abacha's military leadership to a democratically 'elected presidency. However, the commission said the delay would not threaten the date by which the - October I, 1998. (AFP)

#### Dhaka leader freed from jail

Dhaka: Hossain Mohammad Ershad, the former President of Bangladesh, who was freed from jail yesterday, said he would soon resume an active political life. He denied opposition claims that his bail on corruption charges was the result of a deal between his Janya Party and the Awami League of Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister. (Reuter)

#### Visa snag delays Rwanda tribunal

Arusha: The United Nations tribunal on Rwanda's 1994 genocide opened in the Tanzanian city but was adjourned because 31 witnesses had not because 31 witnesses had not arrived from Rwanda to testify against Jean-Paul Akayesu, a Hutu former government official. They had experienced visa problems. Almost a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus died in 1994. (Reuter)

#### Russian space monkey dies

Moscow: Multik, one of two Russian macaque monkeys that were wired to electrodes in scientific experiments during a two-week space mission that ended on Tuesday, has died in an accident at a Moscow research centre unrelated to the flight, the Tass news agency said. (Reuter)

#### Here's licking at you, kid

Washington: The late actor Humphrey Bogart is to have a US postage stamp dedicated to him next year, the third in a Legends of Hollywood series after Marilyn Monroe and James Dean. The stamp image is to be based on a poster advertising the 1946 film, The Big Sleep. (AP)

#### **Embattled** Mobutu flies back to France

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PRESIDENT MOBUTU of Zaire flew back to France for medical consultations yesterday, three weeks after he returned home vowing to crush the rebel uprising that has plunged his country into

Mr Mobutu had spent four months in Europe recuperating from cancer surgery as the Rwandan-backed rebels advanced in eastern Zaire. He returned to Kinshasa on De-

cember 17. After reshuffling his Govemment and the army high command and announcing on the rebels, he announced on Wednesday night that he was returning to his villa on the Côte d'Azur. Zairean officials would not say how long he planned to stay, but Paris has issued him with an

extendable three-month visa. After arriving in Nice by private plane, Mr Mobutu, 66, and his retinue of family members, servants and bodyguards drove in a convoy of Il. vehicles to his luxury residence, the Villa del Mare, in the nearby town of Roque-brune-Cap-Martin. The Presi-dent underwent an operation for prostate cancer in Switzer-land last August, but the, Swiss authorities have re-

fused to renew his visa. Presidential aides said the reasons for Mr Mobutu's return were entirely medical. but with hundreds of European mercenaries reported to be preparing to back the disorganised Zairean Army in ecumter attack on rebel positions, his departure comes at a critical moment. Lauren Kabila, the rebel leader, has promised to oust Zaire's ruler of 31 years and Mr Mobuts has refused to negotiate with

His unexpected return may be seen as a sign that Mr Mobutu believes his troops have little immediate hope of overcoming the highly trained and well-equipt rebels, with or without from mercenaries.



Mobutur returning for medical reasons

#### Nile flourish by Mubarak

Toshka, Egypt President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday launched a controversial plan to use Nile water to make the Western Desert bloom. On the banks of the lake behind the Aswan High Dam.

Mr Mubarak detonated a symbolic explosion at the site of what Egypt says will be the

Within about four years,

across the Western Descri irrigating at least 500,000 acres of virgin land to be settled by millions of people. More than 60 million Egyp tians live in the Nils Valle only 4 per cent of the country Some experts fear that the project will be an expensive failure. (Reuter)



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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

STATE pharmaceutical officials in France knowingly disals in trained growth hormones to children that could cause the fatal Creuzifeldt-Jakob disease mad cow disease, according to an investigation by a French.

As many as 1,000 dhildren may have been infected by the tainted growth-drugs in 1985 and at least 40 have since died, according to L'Express.

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Geffory, the investigating magistrate, has reportedly launched a formal legal investigation and Boy, 10 class same year, over blood tainted with the Aids virus. THE WILL

port alleging that about 20,000 hormonal pills to combat dwarfism in children were distributed by pharmaceutical officials without first being treated to climinate the prion or infectious agent that can cause CID.

Destroying the pills, containing possibly infectious hormones, would have meant losses of about Pr5.5 million (£700,000); but doctors at the Pharmacie Centrale des Hopitaux were auxious to save money, according to L'Express. In 1985, health officials dis-

tributed blood stocks contaminated with the Aids virus, after refusing to spend money on technology from the United States to treat the blood. At least 1.200 harmoohiliac victims were infected and 400

health officials and a compensation bill of more than Fr5 billion. Three former Cabinet ministers have been charged with poisoning in that case.

Hervé Gaymard, France's Health Minister, promised a full inquiry into the allegations and said that prosecutions would be brought if warranted. He said the drugs, using hormones extracted from the pituitary glands of corpses, were no longer in use and had been replaced by synthetic hormones. L'Express said the hormones were taken from corpses at hospitals specialising in contagious diseases and senile dementia.

Jean-Claude Job, the president of France's Pituitary Institute in 1985, and Fernand Dray, the research director at the Pasteur Institute, are among those under



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One of the rebels holding hostages at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima

#### Siege rebels in 'safe passage' talks with Lima

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

THE Peruvian Government is negotiating a safe passage for the 20 Marxist rebels who are holding 74 hostages inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima.

This emerged yesterday after Vladimiro Montesinos. Peru's intelligence chief and right-hand man to President Fuiimori. held talks with imprisoned leaders of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA).

It appears that the Government sees the only chance of a negotiated settlement to the 22-day siege in talks with the leaders. It is offering safe passage to the hostage-takers to any country that will have them - possibly Cuba - in exchange for the release of the

Senor Montesinos, who is rarely seen or heard in public, the intelligence services takes major decisions without ing to the MRTA leadership in prison to negotiate safe passage for the terrorists who are inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence holding hostages," said an intelligence source.

Nestor Ceroa, 44, the veteran guerrilla who is commanding the 20 heavily-armed rehels holding the hostages, is the only top leader not behind

His army of young rebels, including two teenage girls, are possibly all that is left of the group. Their assault on the Japanese Ambassador's home free some of his friends and his girlfriend, who is among the jailed rebels.

Peruvian military manders led by General Nicolas Hermoza are pushing for a military solution to the siege But the Government is still seeking a peaceful way out, under pressure from the

#### the parties of a Britain accused of negligence in 'mad cow' crisis

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

The past of epidemic is a long tale of Spanish Socialist MEP, are to negligence and attempts to be endorsed by the 19-member blackmail the European Commission, according to an inmission, according to a inmission, according to

committee charges Britain with bad faith in its manage ment of the disease since 1988. The cross-party committee, which has been hearing evidence from British and European Union officials since last autumn, also accuses the Brussels Commission of failing in its duty by accepting the. British line, playing dewn the gravity of the epidemic and placing the farm trade above public health. Protestersh

The findings of the inquiry. which is the first by the parliament using powers it received under the Maastricht treaty, were dismissed by Brit-் காகங்க் ish officials as widely expected. The inquiry has no power indings are prompting anger

around the Continent. Le Soir of Brussels said the report had confirmed "the incredible British lack of fair play" over the "mad cow" affair. Bad publicity over the inquiry's findings will not help Britain's drive in the coming weeks to win a partial lifting of the beef export embargo from herds certified to be BSE-free.

The inquiry's conclusions,



BRITISH handling of the BSE drafted by Manuel Medina, a committee in Strasbourg after an appearance by Jacques Santer, the Commission President, next week. The report, which may be revised before its release, stops short of recommending a no-confidence vote in the Commission. However, a minority of members, led by Jose Happart, a Belgian MEP, is calling for

such a move. A list of 13 alleged British failings includes the attempt to win an end to the embargo by blocking EU business last spring. That amounted to "an abuse of its rights and black-mailing of the Community institutions by the UK". Britam had exerted pressure on the past six years, refusing to allow veterinary inspections in the early 1990s and using British officials and scientists to swing decisions in London's

favour, it said. Since the EU's scientific committee advising on BSE had been dominated by, and usually chaired by, Britons, "it is logical to have doubts about their powers of arbitration and capacity to be impartial," Señor Medina's report said.

The big rise in the export of British animal-based feed after the national ban amount ed to "a failure to comply with the principle of co-operation that must exist between all member states", it said. Britain had also refused to listen to scientists who judged the han officially acknowledged. The committee was scathing

about British officials who appeared before it, including Sir Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, and it delored the refusal of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to give evidence. The Commission's consistent policy of playing down the conse-quences of the epidemic "could even be interpreted at certain times as a policy of disinformation", it said.

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#### Israel tension high as bombs injure 13 FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ARAB-Israeli tension in have been intended as retalia-

creased dangerously last night after at least two explosions rocked a southern district of Tel Aviv, injuring 13 people and raising fears of a new Palestinian terrorist campaign inside Israel.

Although there was no immediate confirmation of the cause of the explosions. Avigdor Kahalani, the Interior Security Minister, said that Arab terrorism was a possible right-wing Israeli Govern-cause. He also said no motive ment has denied the charges. had been ruled out and it was possible that the blasts were aused by criminals.

The bombs were in rubbish bins — one near a cinema screening sex films and the other close by in an area largely inhabited by immi-grant workers and known for its high levels of prostitution. The attack came as talks

designed to bring about an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron appeared to be stalled. The blasts caused panic in the streets and caused imme-

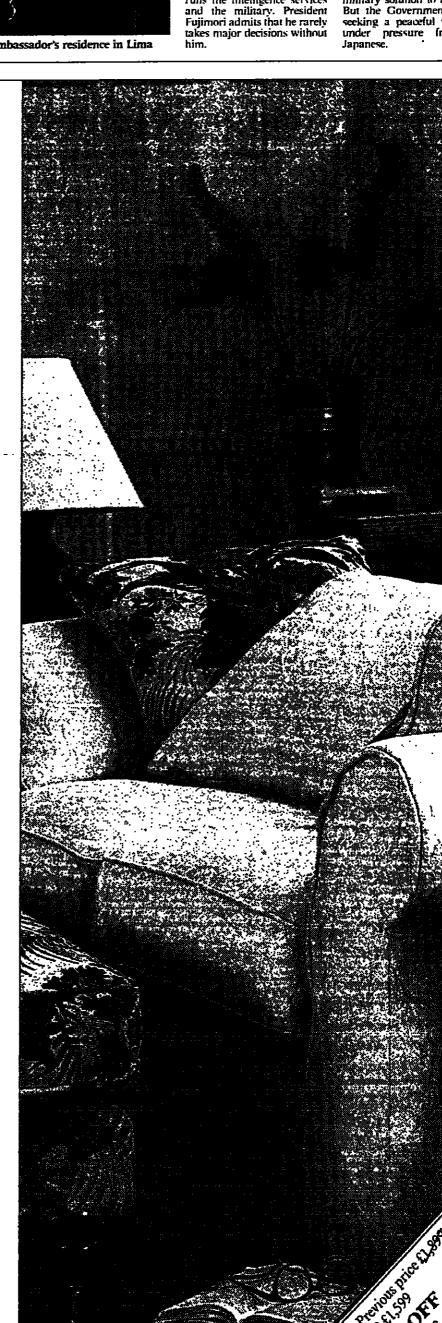
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tion for last week's attempted massacre of Palestinians in the market area of Hebron. The attack by an off-duty Israeli soldier injured six Arabs.

also been accused by Syria of being behind a huge bus bomb attack in Damascus last week, which left 13 people dead and 40 wounded. The

As the violence flared again and in the wake of the Syrian accusations, a leading mem-ber of Israel's ruling Likud Party called for Israel to attack Syrian targets in Lebanon. The demand from Uzi Landau came after attacks on Wednesday in occupied southern Leb-anon in which one Israeli soldier was killed and eight

were wounded. Mr Landau said: "A price must be exacted from the Syrian and Lebanese Governments for this kind of situation, for if we do not, terrorism



LEE YOUNG-HO / RELITER

### **US Nazis** in the spotlight

FROM TOM RHODES

THE suspected leader of a neo-Nazi terrorist cell appeared in an Ohio courtroom yesterday on charges that promise to lift the lid on the frightening under-world of America's extreme Right.

Peter Langan, 38, has been accused of committing a string of bank robberies throughout the Midwest to raise funds for the Aryan Republican Army, a white supremacist group dedicated to the overthrow of the American Government and the death of all Jews. The bank robberies

ranged from lowa to Wisconsin. and Kentucky to Nebraska - indeed, with 22 heists to their name, the group was credited with more banks than Jesse

The robbers zipped in and out of banks within five minutes and would leave inert smoke grenades and pipe bombs as calling cards.

In one December robbery in Cleveland. Ohio. one suspect dressed as Santa Claus shouted "Ho, ho. ho" to customers and lest a bomb tucked in a Santa hat. However, the escapades were soon treated as a matter of high priority after the FBI discovered the political message behind the group.

Although investigators have yet to prove any link to the Oklahoma bombing, this week's trial in Columbus is certain to rekindle fears about racist hate groups.

### Police swoop for strike leaders in South Korea

By David Watts and Our Foreign Staff

SOUTH KOREAN police raided the headquarters of striking trade unionists last night and were poised for a controversial attempt to remove other union leaders from Myongdong Cathedral

The authorities are trying to forestall what is billed as the country's biggest national strike - prompted by a new labour law aimed at making industry more competitive against a background of rising costs and labour inflexibility.

State prosecutors issued warrants for seven leaders of the militant Korean Confederation of Trade Unions to appear in court today. Kwon Young-kil, the confederation president, and his lieutenants huddled in a plastic tent in the cathedral grounds, guarded by car workers with iron bars. and said they would refuse to comply with the order.

send a large number of police officers to execute the warrants." a prosecution official said yesterday. Any attempt to storm the cathedral grounds would almost certainly lead to fierce clashes, reigniting strikes that began to fizzle out yesterday as workers streamed back to shipyards and car plants in response to

government threats. Earlier, a global trade union group, the International Con-Unions, appealed to the International Labour Organisation to intervene immediately to prevent the seven's arrest.

On Wednesday the ministers of interior, justice and labour threatened "stern measures" against strikes that have been declared illegal. Earlier President Kim Young-Sam had ordered the Government to lay off 10,000 public servants. "The Government "If they don't appear tomor-row morning we will have to cutting one trillion won \$1.2

budget and 10,000 public servants to more efficiently pur-sue a national task, the President told cabinet ministers at a new year meeting.
The ruling New Korea Party

forced the new law through

parliament on December 26 in the absence of the opposition - and triggered the national unrest. Strikes have crippled key industries including car manufacturers and shipyards for 15 days, costing the country about \$2.08 billion in lost production. Trade unionists say the law favours manage-ment, making it easier and less costly to lay off workers or extend their hours.

A government spokesman said the civil service layoff would affect I per cent of personnel in government organis-ations, but no timetable has been fixed. "The lavoff will target mainly the technicalservice sector such as railways



South Korean police arrest a wounded striker during clashes in the Myongdong district of Seoul yesterday

Yesterday thousands of workers turned central Seoul into a rubble-strewn battleground as they clashed with riot police, sending terrified shoppers racing for cover.

The Federation of Korean

1.2 million members, said a two-day strike would begin on Tuesday to force the Government to dump the labour law. Power, port and railway workers were urged to go on partial strike and all others to join a full stoppage. "The federation

calls on all its members to join the largest strike ever, led especially by the public secation president. Buses and tubes would stop and nospitals, banks, hotels, taxis and state industries, including the

tobacco monopoly, would be affected. The unions have claimed 190,000 workers were an strike, but that number included people on work-to-

### Russian jitters return as President battles with pneumonia

AND ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

A SENSE of deja vu descended on Moscow yesterday as President Yeltsin struggled to regain his health in hospital, triggering a fresh succession battle and doubts over who was running the country.

Only two weeks after the Russian leader, describing himself as "fighting fit", promised to start 1997 with vigorous leadership, his new year's resolution was in tatters as he fought off pneumonia in the Central

Clinical Hospital, which has become his second home. After an absence of most of the second half of last year because of heart bypass surgery, his new ailment caused a familiar and disturbing sequence of events. Meetings planned for the coming two weeks were put on hold, the normally bullish Russian stock market became jittery and Mr Yeltsin's opponents increased their calls for his removal.

General Aleksandr Lebed, the dismissed former security chief with presidential ambitions, was the first to exploit the President's latest disappearance from office, saying that Russia was "rudderless". "The President is badly ill," he

said. "It is a difficult age, he has had a difficult operation, a not entirely healthy way of life for the past 40 years. It does not leave much hope. "[Yeltsin] should tender his resignation. The President is in hospital,

the Prime Minister is on holiday and the people have not been paid. Someone has to rule." Doctors said yesterday that the

President was being treated with antibiotics and described his condiwith the operation," he said. tion as satisfactory. Mr Yeltsin, 65,

to bed since Monday at his country residence, was admitted to hospital on Wednesday.

Renat Akchurin, the cardiac surgeon who led Mr Yeltsin's operating team in November, said yesterday that there was no link between the President's condition and his heart problems. The post-operative period finished one month ago, so it makes no sense to connect anything

Mr Akchurin said Mr Yeltsin was would take Mr Yeltsin considerably

who was suffering from a heavy. his hospital bed: A Kremlin state-cold or flu which had confined him ment said his temperature had did not expect the President to leave hospital for at least two weeks. About 64,000 Muscovites have been treated for influenza and other returned to normal and he had held a 15-minute telephone conversation

respiratory infections since the beginning of the month. Natalya Sukhinina, a spokeswoman for the Moscow Epidemiological Department, said the numbers were approximately consistent with previous years and did not amount to an epidemic. She said the flu had spread from the Far East, reaching Moscow a little later than usual this winter as a result of unseasonally

#### still able to perform his duties from . longer to recuperate this time. He warm weather until mid-December Hidden risks for ailing Yeltsin

with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the

Prime Minister, who left Moscow as

planned yesterday for a holiday outside the capital. It said the two men would maintain regular

Aleksandr Shokhin, the deputy

speaker at the State Duma and

leader of the pro-government Our Home is Russia faction, said it

POLITICAL expediency rather than a reasoned medical approach may explain the optimism of President Yeltsin's doctors and colleagues about his lung complications. Mr Yeltsin has had a cold,

and he now has, as reported, signs of congestion at the bases of his lungs. This might well be as a result of secondary infection in the lungs after his cold, a true pneumonia. but if it was it is surprising that he has no temperature People older than Mr Yeltsin,

who is only 65, can have an acute pneumonia without a temperature, or one which is only slightly raised, but it would be thought that Mr Yeltsin is still sufficiently voung to have a normal physical response to infection. The alternative explanation

is that even the physical stress of a cold has thrown him into



heart failure, and his heart is no longer strong enough to maintain circulation and so prevent the lungs from be-coming congested. Symptoms of early congestive cardiac failure are similar to those of basal pneumonia. Although he has made a

good enough recovery from his heart surgery, statistics show that patients remain at great risk for at least a year after a coronary thrombosis.

If Mr Yeltsin does have

pneumonia this too could place a burden on his cardiorespiratory system, which as the result of two thromboses

and a multiple bypass is already under duress. Last week's pictures of Mr Yeltsin with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancelior, showed little improvement on his condition compared to those taken eight weeks ago. Mr Yeltsin's expression was still blank and slow to register emotion, he has developed an almost Parkinsonian mask. When he walks he swings his right arm more than his left. another sign of Parkinsonlike troubles ahead.

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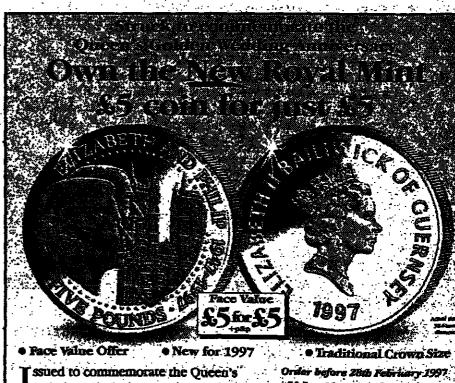
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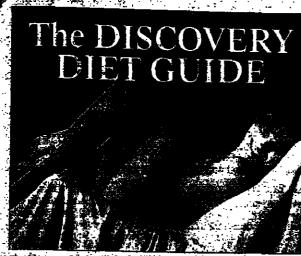
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### The healing power of plants



Homoeopathy matches cures to the lifestyle and personality of the patient, and in some cases it comes close to therapy. **Grace Bradberry** reports

mid-twenties, and working as a psychiatric social worker, she found herself suffering

After a fruitless expedition to the GP, she visited a homoeopath. For an hour, they discussed her work, her personality, her emotional. family and medical history. She was given nux vomica (strychnine), and the problem

Soon after, she found herself running counselling groups for people suffering from anxienes and

phobias. She was fully trained for the work, and also had a degree in psychology, but proy slow. Gradually she introduced homoeopathic remedies (many of

vhich can be used for emotional complaints) and began to see results

She embarked on a fouryear training course at the the College of Homoecoathy. Nine years later, at the age of 37, she has clinics in London the Life Centre in Notting Hill.

Many of those she sees come to her with problems that have a dietary connection - indigestion, water retention, and. more seriously, bulimia and

Howard is not a nutritionist.

ynne Howard came to body uses food," she says. Prescribed correctly, it can help the body to assimilate

tackle the physical cravings and emotional problems that can make it so difficult to eat the things we know we should.

Most people now know that homoeopathy is based on the theory of treating like with like. The name comes from the Greek word meaning "similar believe an illness that might be caused by a large dose of a

'A capsule plants, but minerals, metals and contains some poisons are also used. The extracts are repeateda good ly diluted in a solution of alcohol balance of nutrients or soaked into tablets or granules. they need' But for holistic

homocopathy can appear ineffectual and imprecise. Several remedies are often suggested for a single problem, followed by screeds work to become a Member of on who should take what. Far more, perhaps, than other forms of complementary medicine, homoeopathy takes acwoman suffering from premenstrual tension might be off-hand to her parter and

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generally raity. Another could be weepy and clingy. A homoeopath would give a different treatment to each. In fact, a session with the ho-



divorced, or they were sent to boarding school. Sometimes

want to go back to the time when her periods started, and go through the whole medical and emotional history," says Howard. "Then I'd want to know about the family history did their mothers, grandmothers have these problems? therapy. If a woman came to I'd also ask about any traucan actually alter the way the me with period pains, I might mas. Perhaps their parents

when you construct a time-line it becomes clear that a medical problem coincided with an emotional one, and I might prescribe a remedy for grief." So homoeopathy's individualised approach, matching the cure to the lifestyle and personality of the patient, accords with the current theory that dietary needs vary from person to person.

It is possible to treat oneself for a few trivial complaints, but for anything with deeper causes (particularly hormonal) self-prescription would be at best ineffectual. "I wouldn't recommend anyone to attempt a detoxification programme on their own," says Howard. "In some cases it can give you flu-like symptoms, so you do need supervision. If someone were spring-cleaning their system, I might give them nux vomics or sulphur to encourage the elimination process."

That many of us want to know, of course, is whethcan help us to lose weight. "I would never say I'd help women to slim. Besides, lots of women go on diets when they don't need to. But if someone has a genuine weight problem, then I would try to help with the underlying causes. Let's face it, most people know the basic dietary rules, but they

One of her favourite nutritional supplements is the unappetisingly named bluegreen algae. "A capsule will contain a good balance of nutrients they need, so they don't have to keep focusing on food, while homoeopathic remedies can help with anxieties and depressions." Other remedies can help with the anxieties and depressions that can lead to bingeing or loss of appetite.

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ride) helps to ensure strong bone development and elasticity of connective tissue, helping the mother to avoid taken in tablet form twice a day between the second and minth month of pregnancy. Mag Phos (magnesium phosphate) is useful for combating heartburn and ensur-

in the baby. It should be taken between the second and the

seventh month and taken in tablet form twice a day. phate) is useful in ensuring good blood oxygenation and should be taken from the second month of the pregnancy onwards.

Natrum mur (sodium chioride) should be taken between the third and eighth month of the pregnancy and is good for helping to control liquid balance, thus helping to prevent swollen ankles.

Silica, which should be taken between the fourth and and nine month, is generally good for ensuring strong bones and teeth and for good all-round health.



The developing foetus absorbs salts from its mother

tea or raspherry-leaf tablets cooled and kept in the fridge.

The raspberry-leaf dosage is one cup or three tablets from to strengthen the uterus for delivery. To make raspberryleaf rea, add three reaspoons three cups or of raspberry leaves to one pint from 36 weeks.

In addition, raspberry-leaf of boiling water. This can be 20 weeks, two cops or six tablets from 28 weeks and three cups or nine tablets

How to cope with PMT There is a desire for fresh warm and experiences a

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LYNNE HOWARD recommends three remedies for premenstrual tension, according to personality and

physical symptons: Sepia: symptoms include the desire to be alone, indifference to loved ones and a tendency to be sarcastic. She has back pains and feels cold much of the time.

Howard also offers remedies for indigestion: Nux vomica: the classic

Competition for the T. S. Eliot award is stiff, but Alice Oswald has been tipped as the romantic outsider who could carry it off

Alice Oswald started writing poetry when she was eight years old. She still has her first tiny collection

# A garden path to poetry's prize list

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band Peter are like the Romantics. Both aged 30. handsome, clever and impecunious, they subsist uncompromisingly on writing. Alice writes poems and Peter writes verse plays, two formidably thorny and elusive paths to fame and fortune.

Thanks to the largesse of the Dartington Trust, they live for the moment, with their new baby Joe, in a grey council-style house on the Dartington estate in Devon, "like those hermits." Alice says. "who lived in posh people's grottoes in the 18th century".

On Sunday evening Alice will be in London, reading her poems at the Almeida Theatre, along with others shortlisted for the T. S. Eliot Prize for the best new collection of poetry this year — the £5,000 winner will be announced on Monday.

Since the shortlist also includes Seamus Heaney, John Fuller, Adri-an Mitchell and Christopher Reid, she is gratifyingly (if unluckily) pitted against the best and most established names. Still, Radio 4's Kaleidoscope this week picked her out as an unusually distinctive and promising new voice with "the beginnings of real authority something like the early Ted

Hughes".

Mr Hughes is indeed her hero. He lives somewhere very close by. but she would never be so importunate as to forage, even circuitously, for an introduction.

She is a self-contained young woman; original, spare and strange, incapable of polite planitudes, not terribly fond of talking at all, and utterly committed to practising what Anne Sexton called The Black Art ("A woman who writes feels too much: Those trances and portents..."). To pursue the poet's life, she has worked for eight years as a gardener.

I first came across her in 1994 in the fishing village of Clovelly. Devon, with its steep picturesque cobbled slope down to the sea. With donkeys for hire outside the garden gate, she was occupying a spartan tied cottage with one hideously uncomfortable armchair, a bare lightbulb, no heating, no telephone: two tiny rooms that kept the sun out and let the cold in.

By day, she toiled, for £150 a manor house, Clovelly Court. She her lap, making the usual baby would get up at 4am to write, noises, punctuate our conversation.

wrapped in blankets, her hands always icy. But she said she did not believe in creature comforts: "You have more energy if you are physically fighting something."

She had just won an Eric Gregory award, £6,000 presented by V.S. Naipaul, and felt tremendously grateful to Eric Gregory (a printer who left money to encourage young poets) for making such a difference to her life. But she was equally gratified to be growing a Charentais melon. She had written a poem about a melon grower, and

then tried it her-self. Most of her poems - not then published in book form - had horticultural themes. Her mother, the gardening consultant and writer Mary Keen, says she can identify the gardens Alice was working at when she wrote a

particular poem — The Glass House while at Lord Rothschild's Wadde-Bucking-

hamshire: Pruning in Frost at Cliveden.

This year she no longer has to weed or dig. thanks to a £10,000 cheque from the Arts Council, When Lord Gowrie presented it to her, she carried her baby, named Joseph Michaelmas as he was born

on Michaelmas Day, in her arms. In fact, things are looking alto-gether promising for the Oswalds. Peter's play Fair Ladies At A Game of Poem Cards, based on an 18thcentury Japanese puppet play, is running at the National Theatre; another is in rehearsal at the Gate. A letter commissioning him to write a new verse play for the Globe Theatre lies on the kitchen table.

They have no car or television, but they do now have heating, plus a telephone and fax so there is communication with the modern world beyond the frozen fields outside. "It's like a university campus here." Alice says, "except there are no scientists in glasses. only creative people. And it's wonderful to have a baby, to bring a touch of real life to balance all the artiness." The sounds of Jo

with two sisters and a brother people called them the Brontes - in a series of country houses where her mother would create enchanted

They were the sort of family who gathered round the plano with the Faber Popular Reciter. "We were very close: a gang of children in an aesthetically amazing, protected environment." Alice was the silent, deep one; "infuriating sometimes" her mother says, adding that geniuses do often have a tough

time. When she slept outside, the scent of nicotiana would keep her awake. "It probably influenced my wanting to write - to create a portform of garden."

When Alice was eight, after a sleepless night feeling terrified of the dark in a bedroom thought to be haunted, she poem. She still has the tiny collec-

tion with the pencilled title "Poems by Alice Keen aged Syrs. They are about storms at night, fears of lightning, dustbin men, being bored, and something called the snapper-tooth beast that eats you alive. She used to hide her notebook under the hydrangeas, in case anyone should find it.

When Alice left Oxford, having read Classics at New College — she met her husband in their first term - she took to gardening as a reaction against all that abstract brain work and as a means of getting a place to live. She learnt then that "gardens are not made by crying. 'Oh! how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."

At Wisley, the Royal Horticultural Society headquarters, she learnt the skills of propagation and how to prune an apple tree by imagining a goblet shape. "I loved the physical, energetic side of gardening. It changed my whole way of looking at the world. When I got to Wisley just after the gales of January 1990, I was sawing up a birch tree and noticed how catkins are male and imagined the little birch weddings on the end of the twigs. I realised that order is not something

you impose, but emanates from the subject. I still wrote love sonnets, but I realised there was no point in writing about the natural world in a formal and orderly way."

She served an apprenticeship with the National Trust at Cliveden. Clipping box hedges all day meant floating beyond the threshold of boredom. I like the detail of gardens. I see them not as pretty places, but as an extraordinary collection of life-forms. I was a gardener to be able to write, rather

than to be able to garden."

Her first book of poems shortlisted for the Whitbread Prize too - came out last March: entitled The Thing in the Gap-stone Stile, a reference to the gap in drystone walls, to make a foothold for climbing, "like a gap-toothed smile. It's the sensation of being between two places, a magical moment: that kind of space is what I try to create in my poems." I recommend The Three Wise Men of Gotnam who Set Out to Catch the Moon in a Net, a long dramatic poem written while working by the Cornish sea. Last year found her at the

Cheisea Physic Garden, until pregnancy intervened: "We thought of going to live in the trees at Newbury, but suddenly realised that it might not be a good idea to be pregnant up a tree." Instead she wrote, appropriately, a poem about

The baby was born after a long labour soothed by a birth pool. "We had decided to cope entirely on our own, with no help from mothers or sisters. We thought it would all come naturally. But it didn't: we couldn't understand why he screamed, and I soon cracked.

"I had to go back into hospital, my blood pressure was so high, and Peter had to be at the National for rehearsals; so I went to stay with my mother and learnt about baby care, on long walks through frozen woods, with the baby in a sling of which my mother

She also had her Rapunzel mane of hair cut off. "It's the kind of thing women do when they have a baby. I wanted to look uncompromising and furious."

"Sleepless poets painful vigils keep." as Pope said, and her next collection will perhaps reflect how a poet-mother adapts to writing in brief interstices of time.



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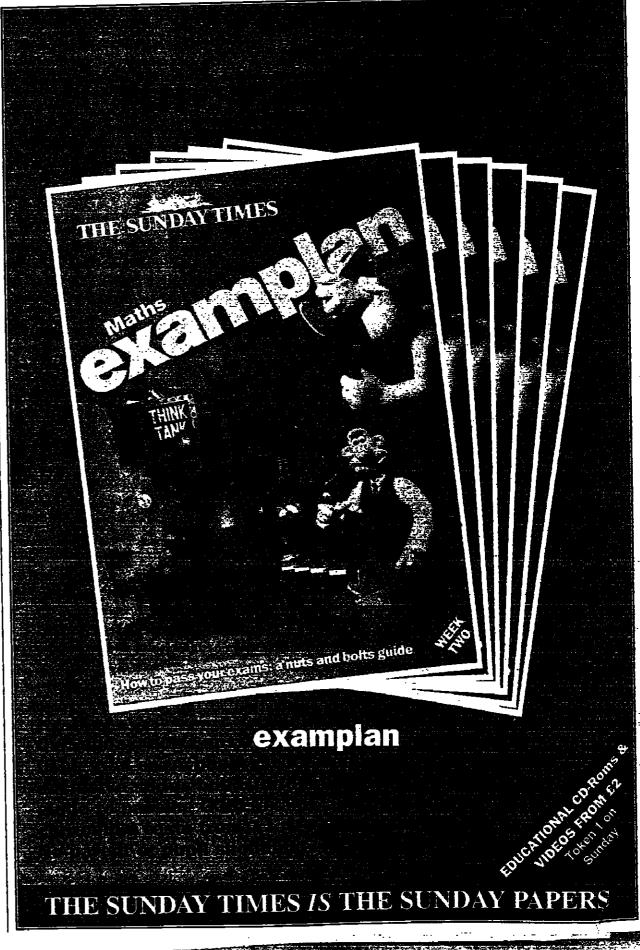
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# Roger Boyes profiles Ernst Jünger; plus an extract from Thomas Nevin's new diography of Witness to the moment of death Witness to the moment of death Jünger describes how he was ordered to oversee the execution of a deserter by firing squad in Paris Jünger describes how he was ordered to oversee the execution of a deserter by firing squad in Paris



As old as the century, Ernst Jünger is one of its most remarkable writers

igh on a shelf in Ernst Jünger's orderly house sits the steel helmet that saved him from a warrior's death and allowed him to live to the age of 101. Helmut Kohl admired it and so too did François Mitterrand when they visited the still-sharp writer who is regarded as one of the most controversial literary figures of the century. Why should two modern

statesmen pay homage to a man depicted as the spiritual founder of fascism; a militarist who coolly analyses the shadings of blood squiring from a dying soldier? Baudelaire believed that

only three men were worthy of respect: the priest, the warrior and the poet. To know, to kill, to create. Hinger embodies all three qualities - and one might even say that only through killing did he come to his knowledge, his moral cer-tainties and his laconic poetic style. The battlefield bound Junger to Mitterrand and Kohl, as did a vision of Europe crafted as an act of intellectual resistance during the Second World War.

Mitterrand, in his final speech abroad, recalled his admiration for the human qualities of German soldiers. Kohl too young to fight, remembers war as a time of separation from his parents, the death of his brother, of hunger and a battered home town. Kohl's heroes are the post-war rebuilders, not Jünger's men in uniform. But he can find common ground with a national conservative. philosopher and patriot who kept his distance from the Nazis (not far enough, say the critics).

Junger's real comemporary fascination for these two statesmen was a long essay. entitled The Peace, written in 1941 and updated with the knowledge of German atrocities in the spring of 1944. Its



Jackboots in Paris: Ernst Jünger hoped that the French would grow to love their German occupiers

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unger's works, especially the greatest of them, the chronicles of two wars, will endure. His place in German literary history is secure. That he is, in the terms of current fashion, the politically incorrect writer par excellence will not eventually count for much. His writing does us the inestimable service of all truly worthy literature it breaches our puny, comfortable assumptions about the world, forcing us to see differently and confounding what we want reality to be. Junger perceives chaos and order in equipoise, but neither of his sightings reassures us order offers us no personal redemption; and chaos is the unsettling constant in life itself. It is the void we fill with war no less than with

Having served as a highly decorated storm troop officer in the First World War, at the onset of the Second World War, aged 44, he found himself in uniform again. 'He has

War meant an end to writing at leisure, but he could go on with his diary. "There will be no lack of spectacle," he

Jünger's Paris notebooks date from the spring of 1941. He served on the staff of the military governor of the city, General Karl Heinrich Stulpnagel, and lived at the Hotel Raphael on the Avenue des

On May 29, 1941, only a few weeks after his appointment to the staff, Junger noted: "Added to the flood of unpleasant things weighing on me, it happens I have been ordered to oversee the execution of a soldier condemned to death for desertion. At first I intended to report sick but that seemed a cheap way out. I also thought: perhaps it's better that you are there rather than someone else." A "higher curiosity" seized him. In the previous war he had not observed a deserter shot, nor anyone prepared for the precise moment of death. Here was a situation "daily threatening each of us, shadowing our

The condemned man had deserted the army shortly after the surrender, and hid out with a French mistress in Paris. When he abused her, she turned him in.

Jünger arrives at the execution site (probably la Vallée-aux-Loups) towards dawn. On catching sight of the prisoner, he is overcome with a feeling of oppression, as though breathing itself has become difficult. The man's face has features attractive to women. While his death sentence is read, he seems to attend with keen awareness, "yet I have the impression the text is passing him by. His eyes are wide open, motionless, absorb-ing, large, as though the body were hanging on to them. His whole mouth moves as though he were spelling. His glance falls on me and tarries a second over my face with a penetrating, searching tension. I note that the excitement confers upon him the look of something intricate, blooming, indeed childlike."

The minute's reading seems interminable. The blindfolded man kisses a small silver cross, and a doctor places a piece of red cardboard over the heart.

"I would like to glance past but force myself to look straight on and seize the moment when, with the salvo fire, dark little holes appear in the cardboard as though dewdrops had fallen on it. The man shot is still standing by the tree; his features express a dreadful surprise. I see his mouth opening and closing as though

it wanted to shape vowels and still, with great effort, to ex-press something. The situation is perplexing, and again the time stretches out. It even seems the man has become dangerous. Finally his knees

The physician explains that the dying man's gestures were only reflexes. Junger is not persuaded. "He hasn't seen what became evident to me in a ghastly way." Taken superficially, this

passage ratifies a central objection to Jünger, that he achieves aesthetic concentration at the cost of moral sensitivity, as though he had followed to the letter John Ruskin's advice for "the great painter": "Always cool yourself as you either look on, or take any necessary part in the play. Cool, and strong-willed - moveless in observant soul Does a man die at your feet - your business is not to help him, but to note the colour of his lips . . .

**T**be rationale, that he might observe the very moment of death's stroke, seems a morbid rather than a "higher" curiosity.

It is his narrative that is "higher": higher than any film record could be, because he is humanly susceptible, yet it escapes the merely clinical estimate which the physician provides at the close. This narrative hardly fits the charge that Jünger's aestheticism is morally insensitive.

To say that he shows no compassion does not prove he does not feel it, or is incapable of it. More important, his narrative gives the reader grounds for pity and terror.

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subtitle was "A Word to the Youth of Europe" and it was a remarkable attempt to see beyond a lost war into a new. remodelled Europe. Hitler had failed to under-

stand that Europe could not be unified by force. Jünger had hoped that the French could come to love their German occupiers. That hope had been dashed. Now, he argued, it was time for economic, technological and political unity in Europe. The essay was shown

senior officers close to the July 1944 plot against Hitler. They liked the text and were at ease with the idea that a unified Europe could be governed only by authoritarian rule. That was the closest Jünger came to an act of resistance to

> read the essay in 1944 died soon afterwards at the end of a Nazi executioner's rope. Jünger, perhaps because of his strange, almost personal rela-tionship with Hitler, was not put on trial. His low level of resistance set against his physical courage and his clearsighted perception of Nazi

weakness has confused critics. especially those on the Left. The biographical transitions seem too jagged — from a First World War lieutenant, 13 times wounded, to a con-The Nazis servative polemicist who refused to courted enter parliament on a Nazi ticket or

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Jünger, but could not engage him

the author of an extraordinary range of work including a book about drugs and even a detective novel. Yet the passages are not unusual for a German intellectual; the oddity is in his survival.

Jünger was a tearaway teenager. At 16 he ran away to France, signed up for the Foreign Legion and was posted to North Africa. His father bought him out, but only after his son had learnt to shoot and march. That put him in good stead for the 1914-18 War. He was sent to the front and was immediately seized with excitement. "The overpowering wish to kill winged my steps. Fury squeezed bitter tears from me."

his imoxication, this animal prge, sat alongside a gentle-manly code of conduct. All of his war books, but in particular Storm of Steel, pay respect to the English. A wounded English soldier flashes a family photograph in a last desperate act of defence and Jünger decides not to kill. The descriptions of the war are powerful At the Somme the dead "dissolved into a greenish fishmeat that glowed at night through their can uniforms. When stepped upon, they left phosphorous

to Erwin Rommel and other tracks..." Jünger is an ento mologist. His house is a small museum of some 40,000 skewered beetles, each one precisely classified. The same skills are brought to bear in describing the misery of both wars. But in his First World War memoirs there was an intensi-Hitler. Many of those who ty, missing from his later work. It was this and his commitment to the intrinsic value of combat that made him an intellectual celebrity of

> The Nazis courted Jünger but they could not engage him. The mediocrity of Goebbels and Goering offended Jünger's aristocratic sensibilities. In The Worker, published in 1932, he set out a totalitarian future in which social control was exercised by those who could

the inter-war years.

manipulate the levers of technological change. His concern in this and other works was concentrated more on Stalin and Bolshevism than on Hitler and Nazism Critics say this distancing from National Socialism was a moral desertion, that Jünger should have spo-

ken out on the worsening anti-Semitic climate. The beneficiaty of a private income, Jünger was sheltered from some of the problems experienced by his colleagues — the bullying and the persecution of Jews.

Junger fans point, in his defence, to the 1939 work On The Marble Cliffs, which paints a grim metaphor of totalitarian rule, adding a bit of Stalin and a bit of Goering (although pot Hitler) to his portrayal of a sinister ruler known as the Forest Ranger. The opening line, with echoes of Danie, gives a hint of the man behind the cold mask of a spectator at the feast of tyrants. "All of you know the wild grief that seizes us in the remembrance of happy

As Jünger approaches his 102nd birthday, how much "wild grief" still seethes below the surface? He has lost a wife, a son in battle and a son to suicide; to live so long is to outlive not only contemporaries but also their grandchildren. Prophecies come true or fall hopelessly by the wayside. All that is left is a kind of internal ordering to fend off the chaos. As Nabokov sought solace in butterflies, so Jünger now prefers the company of beetles to human beings.





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#### We shouldn't wear an eye-patch when looking at our piratical ancestors

et us have pirates about us that are black. Their hearts should be black. and their hands bloody. So Disneyland's decision to replace the old-fashioned pirates in its theme park with more politically correct buccaneers is dumb. It is also deplorable. When Disney's pirate-ride reopens, instead of chasing women, its pretend pirates will bunch them with flowers and woo them with fruit. The foolish fringe of the feminist lobby is gratified. But as scholars have pointed our, because of the scarcity of females, pirates (like sailors) were mostly homosexual and did not chase women except to rob, kill and possibly eat them. And as the common enemies of mankind, pirates were outlaws operating outside the margins of society. They were negative advertisements for civilisation.

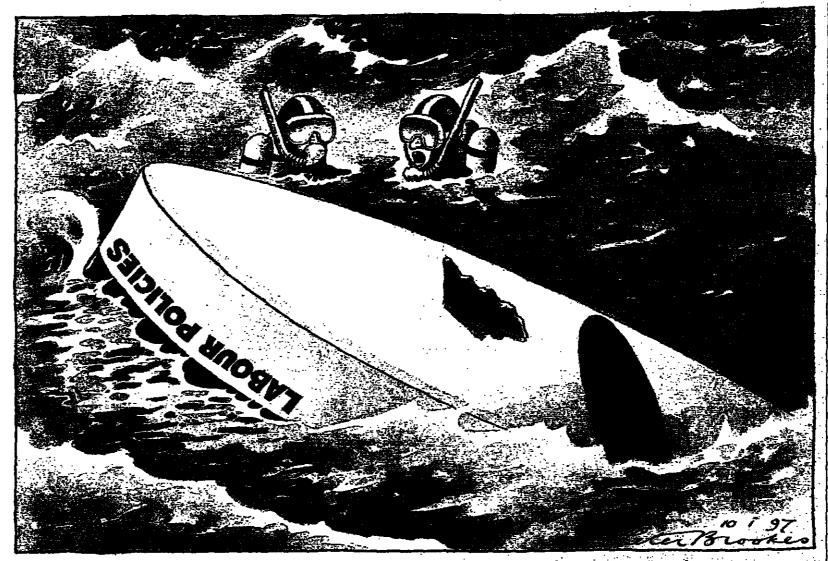
As an old, civilised and maritime society. Britain played its part in putting down the pirates of the Levant and the Barbary Coast. But the British have always been ambivalent about the sea savages. For under our mongrel skin we are a piratical race. After the Romans, the three tidal waves of invaders who made Britain were pirates: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans (just Vikings come to roost). Drake and the seamen who beat the Armada and ruled the waves for the merchant venturers were pirates, though Elizabethan PR called them privateers.

And once the north-western quarter of the world was freed from pirates, we romanticised the brutes. Robinson Crusoe introduced the genre of desert island romance. Byron glamorised corsairs and such dangerous loners. Treasure Island made pirates swash their buckles. But blind Pew tap-tapping down the street to deliver the black spot is still terrifying. That book is also politically incomplished to the street to deliver the black spot is also politically incomplished. insensitive to the monopodal and monocular. But then the first novel was equally deformist about Polyphemus, the original man-eating, one-eyed pirate. It is a grief that Treasure Island is not available for shrieks and bangs in the London theatre this season.

Hollywood carried on this charming of the pirate through Douglas Fairbanks, Errol Flynn, Victor Mature, and (more sub-textually) Robert Newton, with eye-rolling villainy and his shin strapped up behind his thigh. Peter Pan at Ayr this winter has been emasculated by the need to censor Wendy's advice to her Lost Boys to die like "English" gentlemen, and all Captain Hook's references to his Etonian training for piracy. But the production is made more realistic by the revelation that the actor playing Smee (the cuddly piratel is in male pop star).

The British are intensely law-abiding and respectable. But our piratical roots show in our long-distance yachtsmen, seeking the freedom of the seas, and their gallant rescuers, when the yachtsmen inevitably sink. The little boats that sailed to Dunkirk represented our privateering heritage. But although we secretly admire the wild freedom of the pirate, we know that he is an enemy of civil society. We may make fun of him to sing "It is. it is a glorious thing / To be a Pirate King"; but the civilised side of our split nature recognises that the dirtiest land thug is a Christian gentleman compared to a real pirate. The pirate is as cruel as a seasnake and as deep as Davy Jones's Locker. Jolly-Rogering and yo-ho-hoing do well enough to give small boys a pleasurable frisson, but the modern descendants of the pirate are hijackers and terrorists. Even Disney, which turns everything cute, even Shere Khan drawled by George Sanders. should not turn pirates into gentlemen. The only civilised treatment for pirates is to stamp on their fingers as they try to board and so set them free to "walk home". Pirates never made anyone walk the plank. It would have been too expensive and needed greater organisation than the drunken brutes had.

They chucked their victims overboard. J. Caesar knew how to treat pirates. As a young politician, he was captured by pirates and held for ransom for 40 days while the deal was negotiated. He joked with his Jocosos Rogeres that he would come back and crucify them. They laughed a lot. But when he was freed, the first thing Caesar did was raise a flect and crucify his pirates to a man. For once the taxi-driver is right. That is the only language the sods understand.



"THERE'S THIS FAINT KNOCKING SOUND, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S ANYTHING THERE...

### New plays are the thing

Tirst question. Why is the London theatre dying on its one remaining leg? Answer: you are an idiot, because the London theatre has never in its life before been so healthy, crammed and enjoyed. Oh, yes? (See Lloyd Webber musicals.)

Next question: When did the play called The Woman in Black open at the Fortune and how long has it been there? Next question: Why do I now go to the London theatre roughly once in six months, and why are Art and Talking Heads the only new plays for several years I shall remember, and would

were not so superb? Next question: Who is Georgina Brown, who knows so much about the London theatre and makes me shive when she writes in the Mail on Sunday:

remember even if the three actors in the

first play and the two in the second play

Can the West End sustain another musical? Or. by inventing the first blockbuster musical, did Andrew Lloyd Webber unwittingly create a monster whose offspring have ravaged what was once the proud home of the British play by eating up all the best theatres, the talent, the money and its ever-dwindling

Take those few words about the theatre, "its ever-dwindling audience". That dwindling audience is no mirage. and the fact that Ms Brown goes far and wide to praise the Royal Court and Pinter's most recent (and most dreadful) play is another sign. There are many more signs - 1 pick one casually from the catalogue, and Duncan Weldon, one of the greatest producers we have had. pops out and says laconically, after he has put on Plunder, an old farce, he will have no change from £300,000. But Weldon groans not because of the money that is disappearing from his pockets, but for the plays that never even got into his pockets in the first place.

And that is where I come in. I have loved the theatre from boyhood, and the theatre has been second only to music itself. I have been a theatre critic five times, and survived. I have seen thousands - not hundreds - of plays, and left on tiptoe from many hundreds, well before the curtain fell. (Disgraceful, you say? You didn't see some of the worst ones.) Ignoring the classics, which are in a separate category, I ask again why do I now go to the theatre some twice a year, not 20 times as it once was and now still

Why do I go to the theatre so seldom these days? Could it be that too

few playwrights are playwrighting?

A few suggestions. The tickets are now too expensive - go in the gods. There's nowhere to park - go by bus. The streets in the centre are dangerous they aren't. You can't get a drink in the interval — shove harder. Any more excuses? There aren't any more excuses.

The terrible answer - and when I say terrible I am not exaggerating -- the terrible answer is that there are no new great playwrights and hardly any of any ht, some old ones are no longer writing, and when did we last see a new play from Shaffer? (You tell me that there is a Shaffer? Yes, he came up with

a miniature after many years.) Some say that the overbearing weight of the gigantic musicals is driving all other plays out of the business, but that cannot be the problem, even though the monsters -Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misér-

ables, Miss Saigon, Sunset Boulevard and all (not to speak of Jesus Christ Superstar which started the whole business) - are all crowded

o, all crowded nightly are they? Aha and Ho, there's the trick - the mighty monsters have driven the ordinary playwrights off the stage. Wrong, surely wrong: not only are there plenty of stages to put plays on, but — and to our shame — at any time there are anything up to half a dozen theatres that are dark: the doors are shut and there are no plays to open with. Georgina Brown, who set me off on this hunt, suggests that the very presence of the mighty pillars frightens ordinary playwrights away. Is it true that, say, Cats (which has been running for 15 years, and will never close) drives out the non-musicals? Surely our playgoers are not so timid? (I have heard that when it was announced that Covent Garden was to close for two years for its greatly needed repairs, the Opera House asked

Drury Lane if it would give up Miss Saigon for that time. The answer was a very rude sound.)

Another grim clue. When I first heard of Art, I was suspicious (I had been on my guard for many years after all), even though the threesome of players - Finney, Courtenay and Stott - make a formidable trio. But such splendid actors would not muck about: nor do they. But by the time I had . tne suspe of the play, half the town had been (Wyndham's is not a very large theatre). strolled up to the guichet expecting hollow laughter, but I got a choice of

places (and even got politeness). Now the best new play for years isn't always packed when the word has gone thoroughly round, there is something amiss.

And indeed something is amiss. What is it? Put plainly, the

problem is that there is an appalling paucity of playwrights and plays. Well, yes. I agree that two plus two make four, but why aren't there any playwrights playwrighting? And to top all that, I discovered, somewhat late, that Art is a French play just Englished for the Brits. Many decades ago, one of my stints as a theatre critic called for me to take on French plays as well as British ones. I took it for nearly a year, and then downed tools: French nonclassic plays were so dreadful, so feeble, so obvious, so ghastly, so monumentally stupid, that from that day to this I have never again set foot in a French playhouse. Now do you see why I took

time to catch up with Art? But I still don't know why I cannot go to the theatre at least once a week and be rewarded by fine, bold, bright, witty, deep, powerful plays. The idiotic reply is

that nobody is writing them, as if they came out of a chewing gum machine. So I don't know. But I cannot shrug and say "sorry, nobody is writing plays these days". You must understand that

a great play is not just a couple of hours of enjoyment, though it is that too. There is no country in the world more rich in plays than ours; and if that richness dies out, a great part of our lives dies with us. It is no use saying "Well, we've goe Shakespeare, what more do you want?" want very much more, and so does

Pause for a moment to think about the novel. Up and down it goes, to be sure, but there can be no bookshop which has no novels, and why should the stage he stripped of its life? There are some feeble answers about television — some say that the box has pushed out the living stage because people cannot bother to put on their overcoats and pop down Shaftesbury Avenue or Charing Cross Road, Yes, I do know that not everybody ne mudale GE LODGOOL, DUT: YOU would be surprised how many theatres there are in Manchester, to say nothing of Scotland. Nevertheless, the heart of theatre in this country is in the heart of London, and that is only one reason I tremble when I look down the list of West End plays.

am told that several plays are in the pipeline, and all I have to do is wait. That was what they used to say in the glory days when real new plays tumbled out of any waistcoat. But if the new world is about to put its nose through the curtain, the curtain had better not be like anything we have seen recently. My growling is no shadow, look through the theatre page of any paper that takes the theatre seriously: countless Lloyd Webber pieces, a few dozen oldies - say, The Cherry Or-chard. Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, An Inspector Calls, An Ideal Husband A Doll's House, and —se far eight years — The Woman in Black Roll up, roll up, customers, and see The Woman in

Black for the ninth time. But I am not sneering; if anything, I am weeping. You may say that an old play is better than no play, and I am on the verge of saying that it isn't. But it fewer and fewer plays turn up (and I mean plays for which it is worth getting out of an armchair), it will be not a nuisance but a great hole in the fabric of our land. We can live without the theatre, of course, but I fear that if it withers and dies, nothing will bring it

This is the last in the present series of columns. Bernard Levin will continue to write elsewhere in The Times.

back to life.

### A sect fit for the starry-eyed

Michael Gove on Helmut Kohl and

the Scientologists

 olocaust denial is a perversion of history. Holocaust hyperbole is becoming almost as disreputable. Holocaust hyperbole is the casual exaggeration of a current injustice which ranks it with the genocide of Nazi Germany. The latest and most egregious example is an "Open Letter to Helmut Kohl" from a B-list of Hollywood names, comparing the treatment of Scientologists in Kohl's republic to the persecution of Jews in Hitler's Reich.

The Nazis' systematic deployment of all the tools of state terror, and the complicity of a people in the attempted extermination of an entire race - the culmination of centuries of prejudice and pogrom - was a crime of unequalled barbarity. It is an insult to the suffering of its victims and the dignity of its survivors to use the memory of the Holocaust to manufacture outrage. To equate it with any abuse of power in Germany today is grotesquely inappropriate. And to compare the organised murder of the Jewish race to the difficulties faced by a "Church" of hustlers

stretches the limits of tolerance. One might have thought that even in Hollywood, the home of mangled history, muddled liberalism and gullibility, ir would be hard to find 34 holy fools prepared to put their name on a billboard advertising their own insensitivity. Yet actors as distinguished as Dustin Hoffman and producers as powerful as Aaron Spelling have allowed their reputations to be demeaned by endorsing the unequal equation of anti-Semitism and opposition to Scientology.

It would be bad enough if those who wrote to Herr Kohl had made their maladroit intervention out of misguided sentiment, but the ruffle of dollars and the whiff of the agent's cigar can be discerned in the background. As Giles Whittell reports on our foreign pages, the links between Scientology and the signatories are not all ties of the purest

principle.
Hollywood has long been home not only to the mixed motive and the hired hand, but also to a residual anti-Ger-man feeling. Many of its finest names have known something of the real horrors of Middle-European intoler-time Modern Germany may have its faults, as the shameful treatment of asylum-seekers in the eastern Lander those is its robust recognition of the ways a determined sect can exploit the tolerance of liberal society.

- Our Home Office has recognised Scientology as a "bona fide religion" and opened the way to its application for charitable status. The Germans have seen it for what it is - in the words of a 1995 court ruling, in Cassel, Hesse — a "business organisation". But Scientology is no Sainsbury's - it is a vast exercise in self-promotion and metworking which robs the vulnerable of their dignity and more, peddling in return a pseudo-science that would look ludicrous in a Star Trek script. If Scientology is a Church, then Elmer Gantry is its patron saint. Its founder, the hack turned quack L. Ron Hubbard. established the sect as lucrative proof that there are, indeed, several bornevery minute.

Scientologists believe that Ron somehow visited Venus, although how he survived the concentrated suphuric acid rain or the surface temperature of 460 degrees Celsius remains, like so much about the cult. obscure. Hubbard believed that humanbeings are receptacles for immortal forces called, with all the imagination of a man who started his career in comic books, Thetans. The Thetans, according to a Scientology textbook, were brought to Earth by an evil lord called Xenn. Scientologists do not respond warmly when asked about his relation to the Art. of Motorcycle Maintenance.

It is easy, and healthy, to laugh, but ridicule is not enough. Scientology is, if anything, more permicious than prepos-terous. Like many cults it offers structure, coherence and companionship for bruised souls. The quasi-induction process of "auditing" mimics some of the southing effects of psychotherapy and has proved much more addictive. Sessions are expensive and recruits who wish to persevere with auditing until they reach a state in which they are "clear" have to earn their treatment by pavement proselynsing. They become pyramid-salesmen for salvation.

Scientology has also made money. from other business involvements. not least property speculation in East Germany. Money that is handed over by converts is invested in concrete. The organisation is estimated to have made around £60 million profit in Germany alone last year from "education" material.

The young in ordered societies such as Germany and Japan are particularly susceptible to the call of closed cultures. as the terrifying success of Japan's Aum sect showed. Germany, where the Constitution is a model of rationalist legalism, erected to guarantee civil liberties in the shadow of the Holocaust. is particularly vulnerable. Liberal democracy's weakness is its willingness to extend to its enemies rights which they

will not scruple to abuse. In reliasing to take Scientology at its own estimation and recognising the sol disant saviours as hucksters. Germany has done democracy a service. Herr Kohi should also be saluted for yester day dismissing the Hollywood letter 25 "rubbish". His common sense suggests that 60 years after Weimar failed to stand up to intimidation. Germany is at last beginning to feel at ease with itself.

### Whitewash

LAWYERS working on behalf of the cricketers Ian Botham and Allan Lamb are delighted by news of the paternity suit filed in California by Sita White, daughter of the late Lord White of Hull, against Imran Khan. Any smear on Imran's reputation might be useful when they resume their

battle next year. Botham and Lamb felt hard done by in the way they lost their libel action against Imran last year, and their lawyers feel that Imran's team played dirty. Their appeal has just been postponed from this October to April 1998, by which time, should Imran's ambitions go to plan, he will be safely ensconced as Pakistan's Prime Minister. But even if Imran does win office, his political position, like President Clinton's, will probably he sandbagged by unsavoury

We made a conscious decision not to bring in a smear campaign against Imran Khan Jabout Sita White's alleged love-child in the High Court," says Rhory Robertson, of Swepstone Walsh (Botham and Lamb's solicitor). However, George Carman. QC, brought up all of the old sex and drugs stories about Botham, on behalf of Imran.

Whether I was right or wrong in giving that advice, in light of the muck that was thrown at us by Imran's legal team, will be debated until I go to the grave," says Robertson, "But we may well bring this White business up in the

• Cold weather is no problem for the Prime Minister's exotic collection of fish, kept in a pond at his home in Huntingdon. The two



Sita White: allegations

policemen who guard the house receive a full list of instructions whenever the PM goes away, and have grown fond of the assorted Koi carp and goldfish, which are rubbed with suncream in hot weather. The policemen, who occupy a hut on the property, make sure the pond does not freeze solid by pouring saucepans of warm (not boiling) water onto any icy vatches.

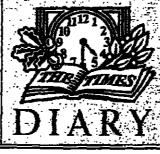
#### More More

ENGLISH HERITAGE and its chairman. Sir Jocelyn Stevens, have swung in behind Christopher Moran, the former underwriter expelled from Lloyd's, and his plans to renovate Crosby Hall in Chelsea, the 15th-century home of Sir Thomas More.

Moran has been trying to overhaul the place at a personal cost of £25 million against the objections of certain local residents and

The outcome of Moran's appeal against Kensington and Chelsea council's decision will be heard by the Secretary of State for the Environment later this month. "It is a project to which I have dedicated the rest of my life." Moran said. "Some residents say their view of the river will be spoilt, but there is an undercurrent of envy about this. "Why on earth anyone should

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feel envious of a former Lloyd's man spending E25 million on his house beats me.

 Flying in from New York for the British première of her latest film, Some Mother's Son, Helen Mirren found herself delayed for two hours by Virgin. She was held up for an hour in the air and another waiting for her baggage. So much, then, for letting the airline use all that soft-focus filming of her legs in their advertisements.

#### Over here

WESTMINSTER is running thicker than a Louisiana bayou with American members of Congress at the moment, the result of some frenetic work by Sir John Kerr, the British Ambassador in Washington. Just before the November congressional elections in

America, when candidates are at their most vulnerable to a friendly invitation, Kerr picked the likely winners and suggested they come on over to Britain. Since November, 24 senators

and congressmen have visited, and another 25 are expected in the next month, to discuss subjects from agriculture to Nato and, naturally enough, transatiantic relations. There is, however, a price to pay for proving that the special relationship still exists. "It would be rude," says the Foreign Office, "if, ] having invited them, we did not pick up the cost of their visits."

 Monday sees the publication of Roll the Dice, the memoirs of Darius Guppy, convicted fraudster and friend of Earl Spencer. The title of the work is a sorry compromise, after the publishers dropped the early working title, which referred directly to the chaotic jewel insurance scam for which Guppy did his porridge. My Little Gem: Polished but Flawed

#### Gone ane

AFTER several torrid months in the press, here is some sunshine news about Hugh Grant He has written a detailed 1,000-word foreword to Mission Possible, a book by Ian Guard. 19, a Cambridge undergraduate, about the plight of



Grant, monkeying around

the African mountain gorilla. Proceeds go to the International Gorilla Conservation Programme and the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Grant is a keen monkey man. His girlfriend, Liz Hurley, even

thinks he looks like one, and their joint film production company is called Simian Films. "We must not become complacent," writes Grant. "The gorilla represents not just a species but a

calls him "Monkey", because she

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The right moment to encourage India's drive for modernisation

the Scientific As John Major was happy to acknowledge yesterday, the assembly of 10,000 Indian businessmen he addressed in Calcutta was probably the largest of his political career. An even larger audience was also in his sights, the million-strong Indian community in Britain whose industry, enterprise and strong sense of ethical values he praised, and whose votes British politicians are anxious to court. But it would be wrong to see Mr Major's sub-continental journey entirely through the prism of electoral politics. His enthusiasm for British ties with India is real, and is not limited to cricket.

The Prime Minister was quick to see that India's dismantling of the post-independence "licence raj" promised not only industrial freedom and economic opportunity but an easing of the country's prolonged and prickly defensiveness towards its former colonial ruler. The new Indo-British partnership agreement which he signed in 1993 has helped to double two-way trade. British investment in India has increased by 50 per cent in the same period, with the forming of more than 600 new joint ventures. Investment worth another £3 billion lies ahead.

Given that an economy of 950 million people is still only about the size of Belgium's and that the total annual foreign investment it attracts today is only about £2.4 billion. this is business on a significant scale. But Mr Major has been equally active in pressing for India's inclusion, as an increasingly important regional power, in the regular dialogue between the European

Union and the "tiger" economies of Asia. India is partly to biame for this omission; for years it seemed naturally to exclude itself through the closed nature of its economy and its preferred identity as cheerleader for Third World confrontationists and close Asian partner of the Soviet Union. But now that the elephant is limbering up to face the world in which the tigers have long moved, Mr Major is right to press India's case for inclusion and Britain's European partners

should be prepared to concede it. Dialogue is particularly important to India because of its long and unrewarding adherence to a semi-autarkic, highly bureaucratic and state-dominated economy. Indians sometimes joke that the extensive macroeconomic reforms undertaken since 1991 have been pragmatic rather than ideological - because the Indian Government itself does not believe in them. The first steps were certainly forced by crisis. But Deve Gowda was a pioneering crusader for liberalisation in Karnataka before becoming Prime Minister last year; he, at least, seems

to believe in what he is doing. Although the old prejudices against private enterprise are fading and the country is much less crippled by the industrial licence system than it was, the culture of petty regulation survives. Some industrial sectors are adapting fast to a more open economy; but there is an undimmed determination among others, particularly in consumer goods, to keep the thick blanket of protection that has cosseted them against foreign competition. Against strong internal pressures of this kind, India's reformers need to be able to set the examples of success in open-market economies, and the discipline of international rules such as the World Trade Organisation supplies.

In the 50 years since independence, India has made so little of its potential that it is currently home to around 40 per cent of the world's desperately poor. It has an enormous amount to do if it is to realise the vision Mr Major offered yesterday of a country which within the next 50 years will be a nation not of "huddled masses" but of prospering producers and consumers, "a political force for the good" in Asia and a leading player in the Commonwealth and global institutions. Mr Major had the sense to talk in terms of common challenges and to acknowledge Britain's own experience of "the pain and difficulty of economic change". But this was not a message that a British Prime Minister could have risked delivering, however politely, only a few years ago. It is because India is such a different country today that his journey is timely, his

#### **TOON AND CITY**

#### Keegan would never have felt comfortable in a public company

Rarely have the loyalties of one city been so produced such players as Paul Gascoigne, bound up with the fortunes of its football Alan Shearer, Bryan Robson and Peter club. Manchester and Liverpool play host to Beardsley, this disdain for nurturing homerival teams; London has a plethora. But in grown talent is bad business. Newcastle, nearly everyone supports club's fortunes has paralleled the revival of hugely expensive. Training them is not. the city. No wonder, then, that the response to the resignation of Kevin Keegan as manager of the club has been one of almost , Juniversal despair.

But once they have got over the initial shock, supporters of the Magpies may come to realise that Mr Keegan left at the right time. Newcastle United is due to be floated on the stock market very soon, and the club's bankers advised Mr Keegan that he had to make up his mind whether he intended to stay. Having been nearly as liberal with his resignation threats as with the chequebook of his backer, Sir John Hail, Mr Keegan had to undertake to remain for some time after the flotation. This, it seemed, he was not prepared to do.

He may well have been wise to leave on a high. The style of management he adopted at Newcastle owed more to Saudi princes than to Marks & Spencer. He preferred to buy talent, often at enormous expense, than to nurture it himself. Thus, last year, he spent more than £26 million on three players alone. Yet Newcastle has no active reserve team and hardly any youth development.

Manchester United, by contrast, has an enormous youth scheme, which could provide much of its strength in years to come. A talented young footballer in Manchester could realistically hope to play for his home team. His equivalent in Newcastle would be advised to move west. Given that the city of Newcastle has

It is also a strategy that would have gone Newcastle United. The recent revival of the down badly in the City. Buying players is While any club will want to put aside some money for transfers, Newcastle has been spending a disproportionate amount.

The business of football does not lend itself easily to the stock market. A study by Deloitte & Touche has shown that, Manchester United apart, the rest of the Premiership teams lost nearly £14 million between them in 1994-95. Newcastle accounted for £8 million of that loss. Manchester United, which made a profit of £20 million, has to be seen as a special case. It is an international brand name, as famous on the streets of Addis Ababa as in Oldham.

Other clubs are likely to make profits only through repeated success at home and in Europe. Even the purchase of excellent players does not guarantee such form. They may be injured, suspended or let down by team-mates. Like a record company, football clubs try to rely on stars. Unlike a record company though, they cannot spread their risks, hoping that the profits from one successful artist will more than offset the losses from another.

So Mr Keegan might have found himself hemmed in by unacceptable constraints under extreme pressure from fans and shareholders alike to win championships but with far less transfer money at his disposal. The chances are that he would not have lasted long. Newcastle United's strip may be black and white, but this story is not as clear-cut as the club's fans may believe.

#### **HEROES OF THE DEEP**

Great British failure — with a stiff upper lip

There is no hero as beloved in Britain as he who fails nobly. An adventurer who looks death in the face and emerges with a selfdeprecating quip is the man who captures the nation's heart. Three times within the past three weeks Britons have come close to catastrophe, yet have drawn on reserves of determination and humour to survive.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes struggled on in pain until forced to abandon his trek across Antarctica. Even as the country was marvelling at the courage of the stand-in pilot aboard the Virgin Global Challenger, who climbed out at 7,000 ft to jettison a gas canister as the craft was plummeting to earth, came the electrifying news of the rescue of Tony Bullimore, who suvived five days in the hull of his upturned yacht. Bobbing to the surface, he asked rescuers for a cup of tea and sparked the joy of his wife-The old dog is alive. He's bloody alive!"

Britain has lionised its failures ever since the defeat of King Arthur. Popular idols have been those who set themselves tasks that were beyond them, but when forced to concede, did so with uncomplaining grace. Effortless failure, characterised by stoicism. understatement and a refusal to blame others, is admired almost more than effortless success. Even military defeats have

burnt themselves into the nation's admiring memory: from the Charge of the Light Brigade to Rorke's Drift and Dunkirk, the men who seized glory from adversity have been celebrated equally with the victors at Agincourt, Waterloo and the Battle of Britain. Kipling's homily about treating triumph and disaster just the same is burned on the British mind.

Not every disaster warms a Briton's heart. A feeble cricket side that whinges about its incompetence is treated with well-deserved contempt. It lacks three essential elements of the Great British Failure: grit, guts and humour. An amateur ski-jumper, however, who risks life and limb in an Olympic contest clearly beyond him demonstrates a more British kind of sportsmanship, even if Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards had "the

aerodynamic grace of a gherkin". Richard Branson is unlikely to lose his position as Britain's most admired businessman. Everyone can identify with the human fears of Mr Bullimore, grizzled, brash and tough, during his ordeal, and his relief at his rescue; few can emulate his superhuman sang froid. Thank God," he said, on emerging from the water, a sentiment voiced by John Major in India and by all who had given him up for dead.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### 'bugging' scenario

From the Home Secretary

Sir, I should like to respond to Harold Pinter's request to me fletter. January S) to confirm or deny a scenario which he thought could happen once the provisions of the Police Bill now before Parliament are in place.

Intrusive surveillance by the police and customs of our most serious criminals has been taking place successfully for many years. The provisions of the Police Bill are intended to put these operations on a proper statutory footing. Their primary purpose is for the covert gathering of intelligence against our most difficult and intrac-

table criminals.

If a police officer was disturbed in the process of installing a listening device, then there would be no point in continuing the operation. In such unlikely circumstances, the officer would no doubt leave as quickly as possible and the authorisation for intrusive surveillance of the property would be cancelled. Furthermore, the Bill provides a means for the householder to make a complaint to an independent commissioner, a specific avenue for redress which is not available at

Intrusive surveillance often provides the vital intelligence or the crucial piece of the jigsaw in bringing to justice those involved in organised and serious criminal activity.

The Police Bill strikes the right balance between giving our law enforcement agencies the opportunity to use the most up-to-date technology and methods available to combat this very real threat to our society, whilst providing effective safeguards and formal independent oversight to guard against any possible abuse.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL HOWARD, The Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. January 8.

From the President of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association and others

Sir, Harold Pinter's plight is, we fear, more serious than he thinks. When he is arrested he should an-

swer police questions, for he has lost his right to silence (Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994). Oh, when it comes to his trial he

may find that the burden of proof has shifted on to him as a defendant (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996). Never mind; by the time he gets to

trial the police will probably know what his defence is anyway, as the Police Bill will allow them to bug his solicitor's office and/or his barrister's chambers. It is amazing to think all of those

fundamental rights were lost with hardly a whimper from Her Majesty's Opposition lest they be thought to be soft on crime. Until the general election we are in

a very dangerous state of constitution-al limbo where the rights of the citizen are being sacrificed by both parties on the altar of political expediency. Statesmen have reminded us that

the duty of the Opposition is to oppose. It is crucial that issues as important as those contained in the above legislation should be fully debated in Parliament. Since this seems unlikely, it must be the duty of the media to conduct the debate.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT ROSCOE.

CHRISTOPHER MURRAY (Vice-President) SUE GREEN (Junior Vice-President)

The London Criminal Courts. Solicitors' Association, 8 Bow Street, WC2. January 8.

#### From Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank

Sir, Harold Pinter should be more explicit. The Labour Party is certainly failing to oppose the provisions for electronic surveillance in the Police Bill; but the other Opposition party. the Liberal Democrats, is leading the fight against them.

The House of Lords will vote on my amendment to Clause 91, which would require judicial authorisation for any police bugging, on January 20.

I hope Harold Pinter's friends in the Labour Party will join me in the lobby.

Yours faithfully, RODGERS of QUARRY BANK. House of Lords. January 9.

#### A stitch in time . . .

From Mr Colin MacGregor

Sir, Imagine my surprise to read in The Cricketer magazine: England discarded the traditional tour blazer when they flew out to Zimbabwe on November 26, in favour of black suits. David Lloyd explained that the formal dress was donned to send the message that we are here on serious business".

Might I suggest that a tailor is found to run up twenty blue blazers and grey flannels in double-quick time before further disasters occur.

Yours faithfully, COLIN I. C. MacGREGOR, 7 Titchwell Road, SW18. January 7.

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#### Response to Pinter Monarchy on the public agenda

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir. By the time I opened the republican case in Carlton TV's debate on monarchy last Tuesday treports and letters. January 9), I was becoming aware of the bear-garden atmosphere that was about to engulf the programme. Yet, as the show progressed, my initial misgivings - about the soundbites, the heckling, the rowdiness - gave way to a sense of relief.

After all, a real national issue was nally being aired - if not debated before a mass audience, and the public was being encouraged, no matter how inadequately, to participate rather than sit passively by whilst being instructed by "expens".

Before we condemn Carlton Television, therefore, we need to ask why such shows -- and they are "shows" -reach and keep such huge audiences. Is it possible that our timid politicians, who seem frightened to raise any contentious issue at all, no matter how important, have created the vacuum into which mass "infotainment" TV is now moving? Is it possible that the outrageous unofficial gag still operated by the Speaker on parliamentary discussion of monarchy could also have contributed to the emergence of a new kind of forum?

Certainly the Carlton monarchy show exhibited all the vulgarity of mass British popular culture, but too much of the London-based reaction has been prissy. The British have strong views on monarchy and the royals, and attempts to stifle discussion will inevitably lead to "infotainment supplanting serious and informed denote

Cariton Television has helped place the monarchy, and its republican

alternative, firmly on the agenda. That is a public service if I ever saw

Sincerely yours, STEPHEN HASELER (Chairman), Republic, PO Box 2698, London W14 9ZT. January 9.

From the Chairman of the Market Research Society

Sir. Phone-in polls, such as the one used on the monarchy debate, are no way to gauge the true opinion of the British public. They do little more than tell us which lobby group has been most successful in encouraging people to phone in.

This kind of exercise should be clearly distinguished from professionally conducted survey research which ensures that the views of a representative sample of individuals are obtained.

Yours faithfully. D. V. L. SMITH, Chairman, The Market Research Society, 15 Northburgh Street, EC1. January 8.

From Mr Jasper Archer

Sir, Carlton made much of the fact that their audience for the great debate had been "hand-picked". One wonders by whom? Perhaps, even more to the point, who picked the hand-pickers?

JASPER ARCHER. The Malt House, Stapleford, Wiltshire. January 8.

#### Screen test for 'Hollywood Lovers'

From the Chairman of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television

Sir. Anyone reading your report of January 4. TV chief bans Hollywood Lovers series", might draw the conclusion that programme planning at Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television is conducted on the basis of capricious and quixotic decisions. That is far from re-

An experienced senior programme executive is responsible for previewing all programmes which might cause concern, for a whole variety of reasons. If something worries him he brings the matter to the weekly meeting of executive directors who consider the evidence and collectively decide if the programme should be

As a result of this process we last year decided not to transmit Carnal Knowledge, God's Gift and The Good Sex Guide. Two months ago we said

we did not intend to carry Hollywood Lovers.

I believe that independent television, as a service directed at the familv audience, should be able to perform without recourse to gratuitous violence, sexual titillation and smut without wit If people buy videos, or subscribe to

a pay-per-view service or go to the cinema, that is up to them. But ITV comes into the home without viewers having any clear idea of what is going

That being so, I believe we have to be responsible - even if withdrawing a programme does irritate some

Yours faithfully, AKU INUN Chairman and Chief Executive, Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television. 15/16 Bloomsbury Square, WC1.

#### Nurses' training

From the Reverend P. Rowntree Clifford

Sir. Contrary to the views expressed by the President of the Royal College of Nursing and Ms Anna Huxtable fletters. December 31: see also letters. January 7). I believe a rapidly growing number of patients and professional medical people would unhesitatingly endorse the excellent article by Nigella Lawson (December 26) on the widespread decline in the quality of nurs-

An academic degree may confer a certain social status, but it does not qualify those in the caring professions for the skills they need in tending the sick. Indeed, it may deter many of those who are desperately needed in our understaffed health service. Nursing is an art, not a science. Although a core of academically qualified technicians may be required to support the doctors, the urgent need is for more and better supervised caring nurses

trained on the wards. The Project 2000 scheme is likely to prove a disaster by transferring so much training to polytechnics. The inevitable decline might begin to be reversed by restoring the duties of the enrolled nurse and bringing back the crucial functions of matron and ward sister at the expense of a mushrooming administrative bureaucracy.

Yours faithfully, P. ROWNTREE CLIFFORD, The Reform Club. 104 Pall Mall, SWI. January 7.

#### Visiting Australia

From Mr J. B. Griffin Sir, Dr Neal Blewett, the Australian

High Commissioner, says (letter, January 6) that holiday visitors to his country need to complete only a simple, two-page, visa application form. I shall be one of the 300,000 UK tourists (Dr Blewett's figures) visiting Australia this year, and while Down Under I shall visit New Zealand. For the former I need a visa; for the latter I

Holidays in recent years have taken me to the US, Canada, various Caribhean locations, most EU countries. Malta, Cyprus, Tunisia, Morocco and, most recently, on a tour including Poland. Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. For none of these did I need a visa. Why Australia?

Yours faithfully, I B GRIFFIN 9 Oakwood Drive, Leigh, Lancashire. January 6.

#### Combating dementia

From the Director of Research into Ageing

January 6.

Sir. The new drug which helps to alleviate the early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease for around 50 per cent of sufferers (Medical Briefing, January 7) is welcome.

About 75 per cent of all dementia in older patients was until recently attributed to Alzheimer's, but that figure has been revised down to 50 to 60 per

The various kinds of dementia require different management, however. Those suffering from Lewy body dementia, for instance, which primarily affects a different part of the brain, have periods of lucidity which, if re-cognised, could be used by family and carers to involve sufferers in decisions

regarding future care. Biochemically, too, the diseases are different, which probably means that different drugs will be required to alleviate the symptoms of the two diseases. This may account for the "failure" rate of the two drugs currently on the US market for Alzheimer's.

More basic research into the mechanisms of the diseases of dementia is required to reduce the numbers suffering from these devastating and costly conditions.

Yours faithfully. ELIZABETH MILLS, Director, Research into Ageing, Baird House. 15-17 St Cross Street, EC1. January 7.

#### From Mrs Jean Heald

Sir. Even expatriate Australians find it difficult to visit Australia these days. I have lived in Britain since 1934 but happened, by accident, to be born in Melbourne. I have been back to Australia on perhaps six or seven occa-

sions, always on a British passport. On our last visit in the autumn of 1995 we found we had to apply for visas. My (British) husband received his immediately and free. Mine was refused. I had to apply for an Australian passport at short notice. With train fares it cost me £87.

Yours sincerely, JEAN C. HEALD, Rebbur House, 108 Nicker Hill, Keyworth, Nottingham. January 6.

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Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

#### Finding the best home for ENO

From Sir John Tooley

Sir. The English National Opera management should not be deterred from its proposed move to another site in London by the charge of breaches of faith by David Mellor freport, Janu-

The acquisition of the Coliseum for ENO by the Government in May 1992, with some additional funding from the Sports and Arts Foundation. was an important and generous act, even if it could be perceived as a ges-ture of political expediency. But to accept that blindly as meaning that ENO must remain there indefinitely is folly and the negation of an opportunity for ENO and the Arts Council to re-examine ENO's place in the op-

eratic life of the country.

London, by the size of its population alone, can surely justify the existence of two opera houses, but not two of similar size, and in the centre of the metropolis. Everything, barring perhaps box-office income, points to the work of the Royal Opera House being complemented by ENO in a smaller theatre (1,500-1,600 seats), strategically placed for audience access and providing the young singer with the conditions for development in a modestly sized auditorium and in a relatively

unpressurised situation. The move of the Sadlers Wells Opera Company to the Coliseum from Rosebery Avenue in 1968 - a move largely determined by expediency and frustration following the rejection of plans to build a new theatre for Sadlers Wells Opera on the South Bank changed the scene for the young sing-er adversely. It is true that the growth of regional opera has made up for some of that loss, but not entirely so; and there are also considerations of

repertoire to be taken into account. We should not lose this chance of looking again at what is really required for the future health and wellbeing of opera in this country, for performer and audience alike.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TOOLEY (Director, Royal Opera House, 1970-88). 2 Leinster Mews, W2 January 7.

From Mr David S. Lindsav

Sir, In July 1995 you reported that the Royal Opera House wished to build at a relatively modest cost a prefabri-cated building close to London Bridge for use during refurbishment at Covent Garden.

Two difficulties were mentioned the time needed to obtain planning permission (which you reported on October 31, 1996, had at last been granted) and the problem of what to do with the new building once vacat-Today you report that English Na-

tional Opera has finally decided to leave the Coliseum for a new building but there is no mention of the London Bridge site as an option. Is this not

Yours faithfully, DAVID S. LINDSAY, 42 Lyndhurst Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent. January 7.

#### Peter's Irish friend

From Mrs M. O'Connor McNamara

Sir. Besides learning shipbuilding at Deptford (leading article, December 31). Peter the Great had the opportunity to meet and converse with the learned young Bernard O'Connor, MD. who fortunately recorded the discourses he had with the Tsar of Muscovy and his physicians on the blank pages of his 1697 edition of Myographia Nova by John Browne, surgeon to William III.

This volume is now in the possession of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Dr O'Connor's notes are an insight into Russia in the 17th century based on the conversations he had with the Russian visitors between April 5 and April 19, 1698. Dr O'Connor, an ancestor of mine,

died in October 1698 aged 32. He was born in County Kerry, obtained his MD in Rheims in 1693, was a physician to John Sobiesky III. King of Poland, wrote the first history of Poland in English, and was elected a member of the Royal Society.

Yours sincerely, MAUREEN O'CONNOR McNAMARA, Carrigafoyle, Sheringham Close, Staplecross, East Sussex. January 6.

#### Eye of the beholder

From Mrs Anne McKay

Sir, "Gorgeous", "beautiful", "handsome" -- if any of us 55 to 60 years ago had thus announced the arrival of a baby (letter, January 3) our contemporaries would have taken the mickey and the child would later have been teased.

I was surprised to read in the announcement of my latest great-grandchild that she is "scrumptious" (which I admit she really is), but how nice that Matilda has arrived to one of these starry-eyed couples who sound so warm and welcoming - in contrast to an announcement I have never forgotten: "To John and Mary [so-andsoj, yet another daughter".

Yours faithfully. ANNE McKAY. Lynwood, Heath Rise. Camberley, Surrey. January 4.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 9: The Princess Royal, President, this morning visited Save the Children Fund Shops. Her Royal Highness first visited 2 William Street, Windsor, and

was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip The Princess Royal afterwards

visited 9 West Street, Reading, and was received by Mr John Hancock (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire). Her Royal Highness subsequently visited II-13 Market Street, Newbury, and was received by Mr William Palmer (Deputy Lieutenant of

the Royal County of Berkshiret. ST JAMES'S PALACE January 9: The Prince of Wales this morning presented the 1995 Wilkinson Sword of Peace Award to HMS Illustrious and HMS Invintheir contribution to the Bosnian

KENSINGTUN PALACE January 9: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Coningsby, today received Group Captain M.A. Gleave on relin-quishing his appointment as Station Commander, and Group Captain A.J. Lockwood on assuming this appointment.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Miss Melissa Cork, entertained at

dinner at the Mansion House last

evening the Chief Commoner and

Members of the Court of Common

Council the Lord Mayor of West-

minster. Mayors and Leaders of

Greater London Boroughs, Alder-men, High Officers of the Corpora-

tion of London and Ward Clerks of

The Lord Mayor, the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of

the Association of London Govern-

ment were the speakers. Among

uners present were:
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP,
Commonder Sir Robin Gillett, Sir
Anthony Joliffe, Sir Michael
Pickard, Mr C Brearley, Mr E J
Brown, Mr A Cunningham, Mr A
Foster, Mr R Moote, Mr S O'Brien,
Miss J Page, Ms C Seamen, Mr A
Tallentire, Mr K Taylor, Mr T Travers
and Mr G Ward.

Major-General Michael Tennant

has assumed the appointment of Chairman of the Combined Cadet

Force Association in succession to

Major-General Peter Shapland.

Church in Wales

The Rev John Glover, Rector of

Halkyn. Caerfallwch and Rhesycae, to be Vicar of Rhyl.

Dr John Crump, formerly of York

University, has been appointed to the WYWY Chair of Japanese

University news

Studies from January I.

Diocese of St Asaph

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others present were:

**Appointment** 

Combined Cadet Force

Peacekeeping Operation.

Dinner

Lord Mayor

#### Dame Diana Reader Harris

A Memorial Service will be held in Sherborne Abbey, Dorset on Friday, January 31, 1997, at 2.30pm. with a reception afterwards at Sherborne School's Dining Hall. It would be helpful if those planning to attend the Service could send a card to: The Secretary, Sherborns School for Girls, Sherborne, Dor-set DT9 3QN, Telephone: 01935 812245, Fax: 01935 814973.

#### Rohan D'Olier Butler

A Memorial Service for Rohan D'Olier Butler, CMG, MA. DLitt. FRHistS, will be held in the Chapel. All Souls College on Saturday, February 8, 1997, at

#### Francis A. Singer

A service of celebration for the life of Francis A. Singer, DSc. will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place. Knightsbridge on Friday. January 24, at 11.30am.

#### The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in December 1996. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemis ousgiathun Chanterto Chemist and the letters CChemi FRSC.

J P Agrawal, P F G Banfill, R F Banfholomew, J T Borlak, 1 M Bratt, R Cleeg, R W Crawford, S Eccles, J R M Hammond, B Harrison, A Hopkinson, C A Lawson, M A Mesubi, C H Ostoorne, S B Padhye, A D Ruffle, N S Scrutton, E Wildsmith, W T Wong.

#### Anniversaries

Stirling

BIRTHS: Michel Ney, com-mander of Napoleon's Old Guard, Saarlouis, Germany, 1769; Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Recouvilier, Switzerland, 1880; Alexei Nikolayevich Tolstoy, novelist and playwright, 1883; Dame Barbora Hepworth. sculptor, Wakefield,

DEATHS: William Laud. Archbishop of Canterbury 1653-45, be-headed. London, 1645: Edward Cave, publisher, London, 1754: Carolus Linnaeus, botanist, Upp-sala, Sweden, 1778: Mary Russell Mitford, essavist and dramatist, Swallowfield. Berkshire. Samuel Colt. gunsmith, 1862: Wil-liam Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill). showman, Denver, Colorado, 1917: hourne, 1941: Sinclair Lewis, novelist. Nobel laureate 1930, Rome, 1951: Gabriela Mistral, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1945, New nel, fashion designer, Paris, 1971;

Nubar Gulbenkian, 1972. The London Underground (Metropolitan Railways system started.

The Standard Oil Company of Ohio was founded by William and John D. Rockefeller, 1870. The First World War officially ended after the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles by Germany and the Allies, 1920. The first assembly of the UN was held in London, 1946,

#### School announcements

Arnold School, Blackpool The Spring Term began on Mon-day, January 6, and will end on Wednesday, March 26. The Entrance Examinations will take place on Saturday, February 1, and the Scholarship Examination on Thursday, February 6. This Term's events include: a Burns Supper on Saturday, January 25; a recital by the Arensky Trio on Sunday. January 26; a Music, Drama and Dance Evening at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, on Friday, February 21; an illustrated talk on Turner by Stanley Warburton on Thursday, February 27; the Prefects' Dinner on Friday. February 28; the Headmaster's Debate with guest speakers Michael Jack, MP. PC. and District Judge Michael Buckley (OA) on Saturday, March 8: the Sports-man's Dinner with guest speaker Fred Trueman, on Tuesday, March II; the Oxford and Cambridge Conference for Sixth Formers on Monday, March 24; the School Concert on Tuesday, March 25. The Girls Ulo Hockey team will take part in the National Finals at Milton Keynes and during the Easter Holidays the 'A'

level Geologists will travel to the Alps and there will be a ski-ing party to Stowe, USA. Arnold School, Blackpool is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Charity No 526679.

Harrogate Ladies' College Harrogate Ladies' College opened for the Spring Term on Wednes-day, January 8. Entrance tests for September 1997 take place on Wednesday, January 22. The All England Senior Reserves Lacrosse Tournament will be held at the College on Saturday/Sunday,

Anton Rodgers, the

Sir Walter Bodmer, FRS, geneti-cist, 61; Sir Robin Chichester-

Clark, former MP, 69; Mr Tom

Clarke, MP, So; Professor Rodney

Eatock Taylor, mechanical en-

gineer, 53; Dr R.D.H. Gern, sec-

retary, Cathedrals Fabric

Arthur Gold, honorary life presi-

dent, European Athletic Associ-

ation, 80: Mr Derek Hammond-

baritone, 71; Sir David Hopkin.

former Chief Metropolitan Stipen-

diary Magistrate, 75: Sir Derek

Hornby, former chairman, British

Overseas Trade Board, 67: Mr.

Clive Jones, chief executive,

Carlton Television, 48; Sir Robert

Marshall, civil servant, 77: Dr

Peter Mathias, FRA, former Mas-

ter, Downing College, Cambridge, 69: Sir David Miers, diplomat, 60:

Mr Denis Peach, former Chief

Charity Commissioner, 69; Mr

Rod Stewart, rock singer, 52: Mrs

Customs and Excise, 57; Sir John

Wall, diplomat, 50: Ms Marjorie

Wallace, chief executive, SANE, 52.

Stroud, concert and

**Birthdays** 

today

January 25 and 26: the Scottish Schools' Invitation Tournament is on Saturday, February 22 and the All England Schools' Tournament is on Tuesday, March 4, at Milton Keynes. St Michael's Hospice will hold a Cheese & Wine Supper in school on Tuesday, March II, at 7.30pm. The Choir sings Evensong at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday. February 26, at 5.30mm and the Drama Club presents The Wizard of Oz at 7.30pm on Sunday, March 2). The History/French Study Tour departs for Ypres on Monday, March 24. Half term is from noon on Saturday, February 8, to 8.30pm Sunday, February 16, and

Church at 2.15pm. An educational charity registered number 529579 which exists to provide high quality education for

The King's School, Elv

after the Choir's performance of Handel's Messiah in St Wilfrid's

The Lent Term began on Wednesday. The Concert Band will present their traditional New Year Concert with Bullet Supper in the Hayward Theatre on Friday, January 31, and the Young Performers of the Year Finalists' Concert will take place on Friday, February 14. The 11+ scholarship examination will be held on Friday. Fananza 21 will be held on Friday, January 31, and that for 13+ academic awards on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. Art and Design scholarship examinations will be conducted on Saturday, February 1; auditions for Music awards will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8; and Sports awards will be made on the basis of practical assessments being held on Saturday. February 8. The AD-HOC

Theatre Group will present

Gotcha on Thursday, February 13, and the Junior School production of The Boyfriend will take place in the Hayward Theatre in matinée on Tuesday, March II, and at evening performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 12-14. The 1997 Osmond Lecture will be given by Dr Jonathan Shanklin on Friday, February 28, under the title Environmental Change in Antarctica'. The Lord Bishoo will conduct the Confirmation Service on Saturday, March I, at II.00um in the Cathedral. There will be a Burns Night Dinner on Friday, March 14, and the Hoop Trundle will be conducted on Saturday, March 15. Term ends on Friday, March 21.

Queen's College, London

Term began on Tuesday, January
7. The Entrance Examination (11+) takes place on Friday, January 17 Half Term is from Monday, February 17, to Friday, February 21, inclusive. Term ends after Founder's Day on Wednesday, March 26. The Founder's Day Service will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, at 2.15pm. Mem-bers of Old Queen's Society may like to know that this year's Summer Party. will be held on Wednesday, June 25, from 6-8pm at the College.

The Spring Term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, January 12 and ends on Stinday, January 12 and ends on Friday, March 21. A Choral Weekend takes place on March 15/16 - a weekend of rehearsal and a concert for a performance of Mozart's Requiem. Friends of the school are welcome. Details of this and other musical events and concerts are available from the Music Department.

#### Did poor central heating set Roman villas on fire?

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

across England has often been attributed to civil unrest or barbarian invasion, and thus strengthened interpretations of later Roman times as being lawless. The real cause, however, may have been much more peaceful, mundane, and close to home: faulty central

heating. While it is well-known that better-class Roman houses had one or more rooms heated by a hypocaust system, in which hot air passed through channels below the floor and in ceramic pipes up the thickness of the walls, the question of where and how the gases were vented has been little considered Mr Michael Astill archaeology journal ARA, suggests that this may have

been where problems lay. "If the vertical ducts were transferred to a horizontal plane at the eaves, this would dramatically reduce the drawing effect of the up-draught," he says. "All chimneys have as near a vertical draw as possible; the higher the outlet the better. The ridge is best, and some pottery objects could have been chimney pots at the highest and most efficient point to extract the gases."

Below the ridge line, back draught can occur, and gaps at the eaves would pull in air

to ventilate the roof void, while

THE destruction by fire of also allowing birds to come in numerous Roman villas and nest, Mr Astill says. If the pottery pipes carrying the gases were not heavily rendered in the roof, cracks might well develop as the walls settled over the years, and if hot gases could escape, a potentially serious fire hazard would exist. Old birds' nests would provide a ready supply of flammable material.

A Nottinghamshire Fire Service expert agreed, pointing out that eventually the gases could cause friction within this tinder and make it ignite, while a sudden increase in heat from the furnace could do the same. Such pyrophoric effects are similar to those in heathland fires in a dry

summer.

tion of the villa roof, by the time the fire was detected it would be too late to extinguish with the available technology of hand-filled buckets, Mr Astill says. In granaries, incorrect storage can lead to spontaneous combustion, with similar effects on the timber construction."Consequently, fire damage to Roman buildings may owe more to inadequate domestic maintenance than to the vagaries of brigandage," he concludes.

Source: ARA No. 2:11-12 (Editor: David Gollins, 65 Jacklyns Lane, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9LF: fax 01962-736206)

#### Forthcoming marriages

and Miss L.M.A. Seydlitz The engagement is announced between Allan, younger son of the Hon Francis and Mrs Noel-Baker. of Euboca, Greece, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Slawomir Seydlitz, of Harefield, Middlesex.

Mr J. Spring Rice and Miss N.L. Robinson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Hon Michael and Mrs Spring Rice, of Nettleton, Wiltshire, and Natalie-Lara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rivett Robinson, of Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire. Mr N.R. Bartlett

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Commander and Mrs John Bartlett, of Embleton, Cumbria, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Boswell, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

and Miss P.M. Boswell

Mr S.R. Blackburn and Miss M.J. Morgan The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mc Joseph Blackburn, of Redditch, and Mrs Iris Blackburn, of Windsor, and Miranda, only daughter of Mr David Morgan, of London, and Mrs Clare Findlay, of Fochabers, Scotland.

Mr D.M.D. Morgan and Miss S.K. Read

The engagement is announced between Dominic, only son of Mr David Morgan, of London, and Mrs Clare Findlay, of Fochabers, Scotland, and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Read, of Bath. Mr A.N.D. Brown

The engagement is announced between Alexander Nicholas Dashwood, only son of the late Mr H.D. Brown and of Mrs H.E. Brown of Battle, East Sussex, and Sarah Louise, younger daughter of Mr LW. Woodhouse, of Tokyo, and Mrs N.J. Boisseau, of Dunsfold, Surrey.

Mr M.D.R. Hewitt and Miss A.F. Stone The engagement is announced between Mike, son of Mrs Susan Hewitt, MBE, and the late Danny Hewitt, of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, and Alison,

daughter of Mr Ted Stone and the late Jeane Stone, of Winterslow,

and Miss H.S.E. Davies

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs Ben Bourke, of Dulwich, London, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Davies, of Bungay, Suffolk.

Mr M. Delane and Miss K. Affen The engagement is announced between Marc, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Delane, of Radlett. Hertfordshire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Allen, of St John's Wood,

Captain R.C.S. Hall and Miss E.A. Paravicini The engagement is announced between Captain Bobby Hall. The Life Guards, son of Brigadier Robert Hall, of Manningford Abbots, Wiltshire and the late Mrs Robert Hall, and Elizabeth Ann. daughter of Major Nicolas Paravicini, of Brecon, Powys, and

Mrs Mary Ann Paravicini. of Warfield, Berkshire. Mr W.J.E. Kerr and Miss W.M. Moat The engagement is announced between Everitt, son of Mr and Mrs William Kerr, of Farnsfield,

Notingham, and Wendy, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Moat. of Burwash, East Sussex. Mr S.M. Lindoe

and Miss K.A. Butterfield The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of the late Michael Lindoe and of Mrs Dorothy Thompson, now of Anglesey, North Wales, and Kerry, third daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butterfield, of Anglesey, North

Wales. Mr C.H. Newman and Ms S.J. Luder The engagement is armounced between Charles, son of Mrs Sheila Newman and the late Mi Gerald Newman, of Oxted, Surrey, and Sara, third daughter of Mr Owen Luder, CBE, of Westminster, London, and of Mrs Doris Luder, of Dulwich, London. Mr J.F. van Oordt

and Miss N.F. Jones The engagement is announced between Frederik, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.H.L. van Oordt, of Ouito, Ecuador, and Natalie daughter of Mr Edward Jones, of Chiswick, London, and Mrs. Patricia Mowbray, of St Marand Miss V.L. Shaw.

The engagement is announced between Neil son of Mr and Mrs Terry Rowe, of Bedworth, Warwickshire, and Victoria daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Shaw, of The Park, Nottingham.

Mr D.J. Supple and Miss-V.J. Ingledew The engagement is announced between Dermot, elder son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Supple, of

Alwoodley, Yorkshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Barry Ingledew, of Cobbam, Mr S.M. Walla and Miss V.L. Stickland The engagement is announced between Sean, only son of the late Mr Michael Wallace and of Mrs Wallace, of Dar es Salaam and

Johannesburg, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stickland, of The Old Parsonage, Rolvenden, Kent. Mr N.L.S. Wilson and Miss J.R. Farrington The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilson, of

London, and Jane, only daughter of Mr Anthony Parrington and Mrs Gordon Flatfield, of London. Mr M.J. Wolton Mr M.J. Woron
and Miss K.A. Stanisich
The engagement is announced
between Michael, younger son of
Mr and Mrs John Wolton, of Little

Saxham, Suffolk, and Karen, seldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Darryl Stanisich, of Melbourne,

Mr A.H. Woolich and Miss S.J. Goldstein The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Dr and Mrs John Woolich, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sidney Goldstein, both of London.

Marriage

Hamdon, Somersel.

Mr J.C. Hawes and Miss LH. Graham The marriage took place quietly in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, on January 4, between Mr Jeremy Charles Hawes, son of Mr and Mrs John Hawes, of New Yau, Oxon, and Miss Lucy Helen Graham, daughter of Mr Ivar Malise Graham, of Hurstpier-point, Sussex, and of Mrs Isabel Mary Graham, of Norton sub

#### Church news

The Rev Ian Hilton, Assistant Curate. Aspley, Nottingham (Southwell) to be Priest-in-charge. Colchester New Town and The-Hythe St Stephen, St Mary Mag-dalene and St Leonard (Cheims-

The Rev Mark Howarth, Vicar, Swaftham Prior, Swaftham Bulbeck and Reach: to be also Rural Dean of Fordham (Ely). The Rev Brian Matthews, Chan-

Mer. France to be Canon Emeritus of the Pro-Cathedral of St Paul, Valletta, Malta (Europe). The Rev Andrew Mitcham, Shrine Priest, Walsingham: to be Vicar, West Worthing St John the Divine (Chichester). The Rev Simon Morgan, Curate, Peacehaven and Telscombe w Piddinghoe and Southease to be

Priest- in-charge, East Dean w Friston and Jevington (Chichester). The Rev Peter Owen-Jones, Curate. Leverington w Wisbech St Mary: to be Rector, Hastingfield w Hariton and Great and Little Eversden (Ely). The Rev Dr Richard Reeve, retired:

to be Resident Minister, Bicton, Montford w Shrawardine and Fitz (Lichfield). The Rev Keith Smith Curate

(NSM), Maybridge: to be Assistant Curate, Durrington (Chichester). The Rev Joanna Stoker, Priest-incharge, Seer Green and Jordans: to be Team Vicar, the Stantonbury and Willen Team Ministry (Ecumenical parish) w respon-sibility for St James, New Bradwell

The Rev Michael Wright, Priest incharge, St Edmund, Anchorage Lane, Doncaster, and part-time Chaplain of Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Montague Hospital. NHS Trust to be full-time Chaplain to Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Montague Hospital NHS Trust (Sheffield).

Canon Jan Carapbell, Rector, Brutham Team Ministry (Exeter): to retire January 31, 1997. The Rev David Harrison, Assistant Minister, Gorleston St Andrew (Norwich): retired November

il. The Rev Michael Homewood, Rector, South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter): to retire July 31, 1997. The Right Rev James Johnson. Vicar, Hockley and Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Cheiros-ford: to retire as from May 31, 1997, and then be appointed an Honor-ary Assistant Bishop in the diocese. Preb Ray Howard Jones. Communications Adviser, Bish-op's Staff Officer and Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford): to retire January 15-1997. Canon Brian Jones, Vicar, Cambridge St John and Rural Dean of Cambridge (Ely): to retire January

31. 1997. The Rev Eric Manley-Harris, Hon Curate, Torquay St John and Christchurch Ellacombe (Exerc): to retire December 31. The Rev Edward Parker, Recto Mistley w Manningtree St Mary

and St Michael w Bradfield St Lawrence (Chelmsford): to retire April 30, 1997. The Rev Anthony Pinches, Vicar,

Shiphay, Collaton (Exeter): to re-tire September 30, 1997. Canon Roland Taylor, Vicar, Badsworth St Mary and North Elmsall St Margaret (Wakefield): to retire January 31, 1997, and to be Canon Emeritus. Wakefield

Canon Bill Todd, Vicar, St Christopher, Narris Green (Liverpool): to retire March 30, 1997 The Rev Brian Tonge, Curate, St Andrew w St Margaret, Burnley (Blackburn): to retire May 16. 1997. The Rev John Wickens, Honorary

Curate, Alt Saints, Benhiiton (Southwark): has retired.

FAX: 0171 481 9313

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HOSEASON-BROWN
Theodore of Cilfron, Rostol,
5th April 1907 6th
December 1996, A
Thanksgiving Service for the
life of Theodore (Teddy)
Hoseason-Brown will be
held at Christ Church,
Morrimor Road, Cilfron,
Ristol, on Wednesday 5th
February 1997 at 11.30 an.
All relatives and friends
Wellcome.

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God will show your radiance to every land under heaven from him you will receive for ever the name Righteon; Peace, the Splendour of God liness. Baruch 5: 3,4

BIRTHS

BURCHHARDT - On Januar 4th at The Portlan Hospital, to Helen and Charles, a beautiful son Joshua Bez William. BUSH - On 6th January, to Gary and Susan (née Pellatt), a daughter, Kathryn Isabel, a sister for James.

FISHLEGH - On 4th January, to Gillian (ase Byder) and Robert, a beautiful doughter, Eleanor Alexandra OSTER - On 19th December 1996, to Asha and Oliver, a dangbier, Laura Madeleine Poppy, a sister for Freddle.

GRAHAM - On December 29th to Catriona (nee Merrylees and Alastair, a daughter Rosey (Rosemary Beattles Janet), a sister for Hamish panets, a sister for Hamish.

HACKING On December 26th
1996, to Emity (nee Kinsey)
and Stephen, a son, Gay
Albert Melville, a brother for
Cocily.

LOWE - To Julie and Anthon John Marie Angel daughter, Lycinda Jane Carter, on 23rd December at Royal Shrewsbuty Hospital LUMPBERG - On 9th January 1997, to David and Isabella, a son, Samuel, a brother for

lessica and Hannah Mat.

MATHEWSOM - On 7th January, to Sussa (note Kilpatrick) and Alastair, a son, James William Douglas. McMillan - On Sth Januar 1997 a beautiful daughte lona jame to Natasha an Vincent, and sister to Laur PALARM - On 8th January, to Carolyn and Tim, a wonderful daughter, Eachel Louise, vister to Anna and Jessica.

ROWLAND - On December 14th, to Karen (nee Fairholme) and Philip, daughter, Rowena Ratie WALTON - On January 3rd 1997, in Khon Kaen, Thelland, 10 Hillary (nee daughter, Lucy Pers

MEST - On 4th january in Singapore, to Colin and Lucy, a daughter, Olivia Lucy, a sister for Eleanor, Charlotte and Loura.

WHYTE-On 1st January 1997 at University College Hospital, London, to Monica (nee Kappor) and Peter, a son, a byother for Isabelle. Dee Gratias.

DEATHS

ALLEN - Michael Gordon, dearly loved husband of Alison of Bell Lane, Minchinhampton, son of the Alison of Bell Lane, Minchinhampton, son of the late Sidney and Bessie (formerly of Moor Court, Amberiey) in Strond Hospital Service at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton at 2.15 pm on Thursday 16th January, Samily flowers only, donations in Hen for Horstall House or Staart House may be sent to Fred Stevens, Faneral Director, New Market Road, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 CD0.

BALLARD - On 6th [anuary peacefully after a short illness (Mildred) Ann, beloved wife of Kenneth, adored mother and grandmother. Functal at 5t Giles' Church, Horsted Kennes, at 2:30 pm Frthay 17th [anuary Family flowers only, donations if devired to Chailey Heritage Appeal coo Masters & Son, Lindfield, Susser RH16 2LE.

BARBER - Iris Stuart (aée
Baker) on 5th January
quietly at Kingswood Court.
Kingswood, in her 98th year.
Devoted mother and
grandmother to Michael,
Jeanmette, Sally and Juliet.
Funezal Thursday 16th
January 4 pm at Randalls
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8-10 Found Lane, Epsom. BARBER - Iris Stoart (Déc

AARKER-RENFIELD BARKER-BENFIELD - On December 30th Major George V. Barker-Benfield M.C., Royal Artillery Retd. Husband of Glg and father of Charles. The funeral has taken place in Budleigh Saltenton

BARTY-KING - Harel Penslope (née Grist) of Shillinglee Part on 6th January 1997. Funoral Chicherter Crematorium, 10 am 16th

**ROOK** - On January 6th 1997 Elizabeth (Berry) Brook, dently loved sister, mother, grandmother. Funeral groundmother. Funeral Sarvice at Castleton Church, Sherborne at 12:30 pm on January 17th Family document only, but donations if desired to National Children Home Co Norman Brister F/D, 100 Lenthay Road, Sherborne. BROWN - Frank Leonard aged 79 of Hainault, Essex suddenly on January 5th. Beloved hashad of Bessie, father of Jocelyn and grandfather of Imogan and Kinsten. Funeral at City of London Crematorium, Wanstead on January 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Renal Diseases Retearch Unit, clo Dr. Michael Faftery, Renal Unit. Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, London El 18B.

BUTLER-On January 8th in his 90th year, Air Vice Marshal Eric Scott, peacefully in hospital, much loved father and grandfather. Cremation Eastbourne Crematorium 2.30 pm Tuesday 21st January. No flowers, but donations to RAF. Benevolent Fund. 67 Portland Flock, London WIN 4AR.

CASPARIS - Leonors Alles on 7th January 1997, suddenly in the care of Church Farm Nursing Home, East Wirrering, after many years of failing health

of Lailing health.

CHASTNEY - Ethel Elizabeth
Alice (new Vooght), loving
and much loved wife of the
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British Heart Foundation (h)
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COVERLY - Leonard James. On Jonuary 2nd, aged 82. For 50 years a much loved and respected Schoolmaster at Chelmsford Hall Preparatory School. East bourne. Graveside prayers on committal' at Ocklyage Cemetery. Eastbourne. 12 noon, Friday 17th January. A gathering afterwards at Chelmsford Lodge. 12 Genrille Road, Eastbourne.

CURTIS - Owen John, aged 70 years, on 21st December 1996, peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved husband of jeun and towing father of Andrew, Gregory and Julia. Regulom Mass was celebarted at St Vincent De Paul Church, Hull, on 31st Docember. Donations in memoriam may be made to be made to memoriani may be made to The British Diabetic ano Britisa Diabetic Association Enquiries to E.W. Brown & Son, Funeral Directors, 433 Bewerley Road, Hull. Tel: 01482 342214. DEANE - Dr. Antony suddenly on Monday 6th January, dearly beloved by all his family, Private cremation at Oxford Family flowers only. Oxford Family flowers only. Memorial Service in London, details to be announced later. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o Tomalin & Son, Anderson Honse, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, EGP 1AG, tel: (01491) 573370. DESCH - Gwendolen Lucy, 2nd january 1997, suddenly and peacefully, aged 90 years Devoted mother of gree

Devoted mother of green countings, especially latterly, she has now formed her late only son, Stephen Desch (died 31.8.96). Deeply missed by Julia (daughtem-law). Harrier and Ahigali (granddaughtem). Cremation Service, Worth, Surrey, Wednesday 15th January at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, douations if desired to the Stephen Desch Memorial Fund of C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Surwash, L. Sx. Teir (01435) 582219.

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DISNEY - Muriel (néc Picton)
aged 90. Died pencefully at
home on 3rd january 1997.
Beloved wife of Dr. M.E.,
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Michael, Dain and Robin.
Funeral Service 11.30 am
Monday 13th January at
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FEARNSIDE - Joan Winifred died pancefully on Sunday 5th January 1997 at Sharlock Row. Funeral Service to be held in All Saints Church, Shurlock Row, on Wednesday 15th January at 1230 pm. Flowers should kindiy be sont to Tomalin & Son or if preferred donations to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Tomalin & Son, Anderson House, 38 Reading Road, Benley-on-Thames, Cafordshire, Roy 1AG, tak (01491) 573370.

FLOWER - On 6th January, pancefully in hospital, Dr. Desmond John Newman Flower MC, aged 89. Crematorium Service at Islington Crematorium, London N2 at 3.30 pm Wednesday January 15th. Flowers M wished, enquire to R. Upson & Son 0181-808 1475. Denations to the British Library Adopt A Book Appeal, 96 Eusten Road, London NW1 ZDR.

FHASER - At Winchester on 8th January Sir James Fraser, loving and greatly loved husband of Manurea, father of Isin and Christopher, despit caulon greatlether. deeply caring grandlather Funeral private. No letters no flowers please.

MARRIS - Joan on January 4th peacefully after a long Hisess at Golsworthy House, Elegatus, aged 80. Beloved sister of Anne and Hugh. Funeral at St Sichard's Church, Ashburnham Road, Hain, Elcharod-on-Thames, on Monday January 20th at 1 pm. No Howers but doations if wished to Arthritis Care, 18 Stephenson Way, NW1 2ED.

HECKLEY - Olga (noe Coleman)
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Little Baston. Dunmow.
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JOHNSON - On James 8th 1997 peacefully in hospital Philip William aged 80 years. Seloved husband of Margaret, dear father and grandfather. Private cremadon Manarial Service grandiather. Frivate cremation Manageni Service and interment will take place at Combe Parish Church, Oxfordshire, on Thursday January 16th at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be given for Witney Community Hospital League of Friends of E. Taylor & Son, 21 Corbett Road, Carretton, Oxon. QX18 3LG.

NEAST - John William sgad 90 suddenly at home on Tuesday January 7th, beloved husband of Claire, dear father of Brian, Kavin and Sean and much loved grandfather of their children, Cremation at Lastherhead Crematorium, Enadalls Fark, Randalls Road, Lostherhead, on Friday genebils Park, Kandalis Road, Lestherhead, on Friday January 17th at 5 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to British Red Cross c/o Africa and Ewart Longhurst, 21/23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, tel: (0181) 393-1077.

MAKINS - Peacefully on Jamary 8th at The Graft, Waxwell Farm House, Pinner, Elisabeth Mary Savile (Vercains) in her 93nd year. Director of the wartime WAGS, Cub, Stame Street, London and a member of The Graff Since 1934. Funeral Service in The Graff Since 1934. Funeral Service in The Graff Chapel, on Inusaday Jamuary 18th at moon followed by Interment at St Nicholas' Chuych, Rotherfield Grays, Henley-on-Thames, Enquiries to The Graff O181 866 0505 and Howem to Bradley 2 Jones, 7

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Wakely & Sons, 7A Silver
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tel: (01308) 443835.

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MAMENY - Died pescefully at home on 2nd January 1597
Maurice Arthur Mandry aged 86 years of Grovers Farm, Woodham, beloved husband of Mildred and devoted father of Jenne and Robert. Funeral Wednesday 15th January, Service in Christchurch, Ottershaw, 230 pm, followed by bontal in churchyard. All Howers please to Walker G. Wort., 204 Station Read, Addlestone by 12 noon.

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McAHIGHAM - On 7th January
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MARTIN - Hapel Moules (née MARTIM - Harst Monden (noe Brusstt) on Sunday January Sta at foots Historic Hospital after a short Historic Hospital of six and grandmother of five much loved children. Faneral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Bishopthorpe, York on Monday January 13th ht 1.30pm, followed by Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Family Howers only, but donations if wished to Home-Farm Trust of J. Symer, Funeral Directors, 15 Panleys Grove Street, York

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MORRIS - Ann Meeson of Watling House, All Streton, Shropshire, muck loved claser of David and Valerie and sunt of Stephen and Timoday, died Jamusay Sth. Funeral Service at St. Michael and All Angels, All Stretton, on Enday Jamusay 17th 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family Research of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales-Rospice clo A.S. Morsis & Son Funeral Directons, Church Stretton, tel: (01694). 722876.

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SCONGE - Major Esmond Royal Artillery (Retired) on 5th January at Staplehuret Manor Muishing Home Beioved husband of the late Suzame (not Pett) Pussual at St Harr's, Frittendan on Thursday 16th January at 1.30 pm. Howers may be sant to X.B. Sills of Granbrook telr (01580) 212284.

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SWYERS - Norman Eric
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will be sadly missed by his
children, Jill, Ruth, David
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#### BRIGADIER MAURICE MacWILLIAM

Brigadier Maurice MacWilliam, DSO and two Bars, MC. Territorial Army soldier, died on December 30 aged 76. He was born in Dulwich on February 7, 1920.

n one of the most remarkable lighting careers of any Territorial Army soldier in the Second World War, Maurice MacWilliam erved virtually without break with the ame battalion from the Battle of rance in 1940 to the end of operations n Italy in May 1945. In that time he progressed from platnon commander commanding officer and collected he Military Cross and three DSOs. As the war ended he briefly com-nanded the redoubtable 169th Queen's Brigade, occupying Triese, a fity then in the shadow of the Tito menace. He went on to serve a full and bccasionally controversial career as a regular officer but his steadfast refusal to compromise on one matter of principle denied him promotion beyond the rank he had achieved at the

end of the war. Maurice Edgar MacGregor MacWilliam was the eldest son of dgar McWilliam, Professor of Law at the London School of Economics, After fattending St Paul's School, Maurice changed his surname to MacWilliam. as he considered the "Mac" more agreeable. He had no aspirations for a military career and joined the tea importers Harrison & Crostield as a trainee. But he enlisted in the Territorial Army in April 1939. He was commissioned into the newly formed 2/7th Battalion of The Queen's Royal. Regiment. He went to France with the battalion in April 1940 as part of 12th The last (IA) Infantry Division, which was

given the primary task of pioneer work on the BEF line of communications. But the German Blitzkrieg of May 10 But the German Ducking warm the gave them little time for that and them gave men muc muse no sum themselves defending Abbeville after the MacWilliam won his MC in holding an exposed position at Saleuxunder intense artillery and infantry The the whole of his platoon when it was about to be cut off by German armour. After evacuation from France through Cherbourg and two years spent ready to play its part in the threatened German invasion of Brit-7 5 ain, 169th (Queen's) Brigade embarked for trao in August 1942. It was from there that it made what is reckoned to be the longest approach direct into battle - 3,313 miles by truck from Baghdad to Enfidaville, Tunisia.

MacWilliam won his first DSO in command of C Company 2/7th Queen's at the Salerno landing on September 9, 1943. Put ashore in the wrong place, MacWilliam's company met the fiercest resistance from snipers achieved its objectives. and machinegun positions concealed in the still-standing crops. His com-

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MacWilliam as a 25-year-old battalion commander in Rome after winning his second DSO

Trieste and 169th (Queen's) Brigade

was sent to occupy the port. MacWilliam remained in command of

his battalion until he was required to

take over temporary command of the

MacWilliam then accepted a regular

commission, though it was difficult to

slot such an accomplished but still

youthful veteran into peacetime army

life, He instructed at Sandhurst and

attended the Staff College, Camberley,

but a staff appointment in the War

Office convinced him of the need to find

He served with the Sudan Defence

Force from 1952 to 1954, first as second-

in-command and then as commanding

officer and was for three years on the

directing staff at Camberley. The

Queen's Regiment was crowded with

talented officers and he knew that his

chances of an early command there were slim. He therefore looked again at

secondment opportunities and in 1958

was appointed to command the Soma-

liland Scouts, in what was then British

Somaliland. His task was to prepare

this force for handover to indigenous

officers, a process that he did not find

easy. He found the venal aspirations of

some of the local officers impossible to

stomach and they had to go. The force

was finally handed over in excellent

shape and MacWilliam established a

brigade in October 1945.

proper employment.

pany objective was a river bridge, strongly defended by German infantry and armour, across which the enemy could counter-attack. After three separate assaults, MacWilliam took the bridge at the end of the day, thus

securing the brigade's left flank.

A year's hard fighting later and with his commanding officer wounded, MacWilliam was in temporary command of 2/7th Queen's during the battles to break through the Gothic Line, in the battle for control of the Gemmano Ridge his two leading companies suffered severe casualties and lost almost all their officers. MacWilliam went forward, reorganised the fire plan and led the two companies on to their objective, remaining to place the heavy weapons ready for the inevitable German counter-attack. It was for this exploit that he

received the first Bar to his DSO. Still a month short of his 25th birthday. MacWilliam was appointed to command the battalion and led it in the crossing of the River Reno and in all the battles which led to the entry into Venice. The citation for the second Bar to his DSQ acknowledged not only his brilliant leadership but the low casualties with which his battalion had

The war over, the Western Allies were confronted by Tito's threat to

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new reputation as a commander of troops of a country being prepared for independence.

He was next selected as commander of the Federal Regular Army of Aden and the Aden Protectorates. The British Government had promised independence to the territory by 1467 and established a small parliamen; on the Westminster model. Unfortunately, an ill-timed attempt to extend Adeni control over the Radfan tribal territories provoked an up-country revolt. This was soon accompanied by an outbreak of vicious urban terrorism in the port city. Troops of two British brigades were barely able to contain the violence, while the Federal Regular Army, recently formed from the Aden Protectorate Levies, struggled to regain control over the Protectorates.

MacWilliam reached Aden in Anti-

1964 and quickly pronounced the units of his new command inadequately armed and equipped for the campaign they had to fight. A list of modern weapons and equipment he judged essential was presented to GOC Middle East, together with a demand that replacement of British seconded officers by tribal or Adeni officers should he delayed until the training standards and operational efficiency of the units were both much improved. These requests were turned down, but MacWilliam stood his ground and was replaced. He was reduced to his substantive rank of colonel and sent to an administrative post in England. Ironically, the re-equipment programme that he had recommended was later implemented - but too late to

save Aden from anarchy.
Although MacWilliam later commanded a brigade of the Territorial Army and was Chief of Staff in Hong Kong, there can be no doubt that his refusal to accept second best for the Federal Regular Army cost him promotion to general. It is unlikely that he lost much sleep on that account. He placed great importance on his duty to his

He retired from the Army in 1970, when he was appointed CBE. From then until 1974 he worked for the Crown Agents and from 1974 to 1985 for the Eastern Electricity Consultative Council, in which office he was a forceful advocate and upholder of consumer interests.

In retirement he lived in Dedham, Essex, and was for several years chairman of the Dedham Vale Society for Rural Preservation. He became the leading authority for the preservation of Constable Country and was heavily involved in strengthening the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and winning important extensions to its territory. Through the Dedham Vale Society he warded off many unsuitable developments.

He married Norah Elizabeth Young, a nursing sister, in 1941. She survives him with their two sons and four daughters.

#### SIR JOHN STOCKER

Sir John Stocker, MC. TD, PC. a former Lord Justice of Appeal, died on December 27 aged 78. He was born on October 7. 1918.

AS A High Court judge in 1985 John Stocker presided over the 119-day so-called "Cyprus spyring" trial, at which seven young British servicemen at a radio monitoring station were accused - and subsequently acquitted - of passing secret information to the Russians He also conducted the sevenweek trial which ended without a conviction four years earlier, following the race riots in Bristol - enhancing his reputation for fair-mindedness by trying to ensure a representative jury.

Stocker could also be tough. Sitting at Maidstone in 1979 he jailed the robber Charles Knight for 21 years after hearing that Knight and his accomplices had made nearly £2 million from a series of armed raids throughout the

country.
While still a High Court judge he sat in the Court of Appeal in 1978, upholding the conviction of Gay News for a "blasphemous libel" - while quashing the suspended jail sentence on its editor.

Some years later, by this time (and rather belatedly) a Lord Justice of Appeal he helped to overturn a murder conviction of a teenage girl who had killed her mother while suffering from pre-menstrual tension and post-natal depression.

He was one of three judges, however, who turned down an appeal by a pub landlord who had been found guilty of racial discrimination for putting up a sign outside his inn saying "Sorry. No Travellers". He was also one of the judges who rejected an appeal by relatives six victims of the Hillsborough disaster, who claimed compensation from South Yorkshire Police for nervous shock after watching the horrific scenes on television. In delivering his judg-

Despite the sequence of high-profile cases which involved him in one capacity or another throughout his long legal career, Stocker made comparatively few headlines himself. A somewhat tacitum man, he was not given to extravagant phrases.

ment Stocker said that the

relatives were entitled to uni-

versal sympathy — but not to

damages.



The son of a chartered accountant, John Devier Stocker was born in Wimbledon, where he was to spend much of his subsequent life. He went first to Westminster School, then to London University to read law. He was an outstanding schoolboy cricketer. Capped for his school's first XI when only 14, he held his place as a medium-fast bowler for the next four years and played for Surrey several times before the war.

He joined the Territorial Army and in 1939 was called up into the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Posted to the 5th Battalion, he was at Dunkirk and later fought at El Alamein and in Italy, winning his MC at the battle for Monte Cassino, Invited to elaborate, he would drily reply that "it came with the rations".

Stocker, who ended the war as a lieutenant-colonel, had originally meant to be a solicitor. He changed his mind on being demobilised, however, and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1948.

As a barrister and QC (he took silk in 1965) he built up a highly successful practice. specialising in cases involving personal injury. At one time he acted for the victims of thalidomide. But he also appeared as counsel at the Widgery Tribunal after "Bloody Sunday" of 1972 — when 13 people were

shot by British paratroopers during a civil rights march through Londonderry, Perhaps drawing on his own military experience, he sought to refute claims by the bereaved that the soldiers had opened fire indiscriminately. Stocker was made a Record-

er in 1972, then a High Court judge in the following year. He was the presiding judge for the South Eastern Circuit, 1976-79, and was elevated to the position of a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1986, 13 years after he had first gone to the High Court. He was sworn of the Privy Council on his appointment to the Court of Appeal. He retired five years ago.

In retirement he relaxed on the golf course. While younger he had continued to play cricket for many years, mainly for Wimbledon Cricket Club, which he captained. In 1993 he was elected president of Surrey.

Stocker met his wife Margaret through playing cricket: her father also belonged to the Wimbledon club. She died of cancer in 1987 after 31 years of marriage and John Stocker was deeply affected by his loss.

A rather solitary man in recent years, he recovered from a stroke which affected his speech two years ago, but died in a nursing home which he entered shortly before Christmas. He had no children.

#### DR EDWARD HARE

Dr Edward Hare, psychiatrist, died on December 8 aged 79. He was born on August 21. 1917.

ONE of the outstanding scholars of British psychiatry in the second half of the 20th century, Edward Hare spent his

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career largely as a clinician and never held an academic post. He introduced epidemiological and environmental dimensions into a speciality which had set little store by them up to the 1960s, and he also showed how historical study could throw light on the origins of psychiatric disor-

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ders. His literary side found its fulfilment in his editorship of the British Journal of Psychiatry.
The third son of a Church of

England clergyman, Edward Henry Hare was educated at Tavernham College, Norfolk, from where he went on to Haileybury. His father died

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when he was 13. But his mother, who had a strong influence on him, wanted one of her sons to be a doctor, and that eventually fell to his lot. In fact, his first degree at Cambridge was in biochemistry, but he felt uncertain of his chances of research opportunities in that subject and subse-

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quently changed to medicine. Moving on to University College Hospital, London, he qualified in 1943 but was found to be unfit for military service because of partial deafness. At Cambridge he had at-

tended John MacCurdy's lectures on abnormal psychology and these inclined him towards psychiatry. But he was then, and remained throughout his life, consistently unsympathetic to psychoanalvsis.

His first psychiatric post was at the Cardiff City Mental Hospital (now Whitchurch ). and he proceeded from there to four other mental hospitals, moves dictated mainly by a need to find married accommodation.

Ironically, in his first attempt at the Diploma in Psychological Medicine, he was failed in the clinical examination by Sir Aubrey Lewis, who was later to play a significant part in his professional life.

At Barrow Hospital, Bristol, he found a more stimulating scientific atmosphere and wrote his MD thesis on the ecology of mental hospitals. with its effects on patients. This environmental interest led to studies in the distribu tion of cases of schizophrenia in the city, in which he showed that these were relatively more frequent in the run-down central areas.

Here he confirmed research that had been done in Chicago just before the Second World War. But, whereas the Americans had a whole research team, Hare did all the work himself --- as indeed he continued to do throughout his

From Bristol, Hare moved



to Warlingham Park, Croydon, where he received a summons from Aubrey Lewis. advising him to apply for a consultant vacancy at the Bethlem-Maudsley Hospitals and indicating that the professor's recommendation was generally accepted. Lewis had been impressed by the Bristol

large clinical commitments; the only project for which Hare received any real supnort was a comparison of the mental health of residents of a new housing estate in Croydon with an older area. This study, done with G. K. Shaw, concluded that there was no major difference between living in the two environ-

research, but the post had

ments, though the people in the new estate had rather better physical health. Hare's historical interests

led him first to study the emergence in the medical literature of syphilitic demen-tia. He found that the first clear description of the disorder was in the early 19th century, and he concluded that, if it had existed earlier, it would have been unlikely to have escaped description. He did similar work on

schizophrenia and manic-depressive psychosis, and also investigated the "season of birth" effect in schizophrenia whereby 10 per cent more cases than expected were born in the winter months. One of his most impressive lectures. which was never published. was on Michael Faraday's memory problems in later life. All this work was done unobtrusively, nearly always sin-gle-handed, and with great meticulousness and determin-

In 1973 Hare succeeded

Eliot Slater as Editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry. He developed the journal's high scientific standards and paid attention, for the first time, to its finances, discovering that the advertising was actually losing money. Although as a clinician he

had relatively little interest in neurosis and was hostile to psychotherapy, he did not allow these personal views to influence the choice of papers for the Journal. He was widely respected for his erudition, his wide cultural background and his application of epide-miological principles to clinical topics. His analysis of questions was always cogent and intellectually rigorous. He played a conscientious role in the life of the Bethlem-Maudsley Hospitals, including chairmanship of the medical committee.

After his retirement in 1982 Hare pursued his extensive reading and became fascinared by computer technology; he was a competent planist and a skilful rugmaker and needleworker.

His first wife died but he is survived by a daughter of that marriage. Anna, who is a general practitioner. His second marriage ended in divorce. But in his later years he enjoyed great happiness with his third wife. Fiby, who had been a nursing sister and who also survives him.

Fortunately the evacuation of Gallipoli displayed none of the miscalculations landings in April 1915.

may recall that of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, holding their own opposite Krithia against masses of Turks until they were almost overwhelmed; of the beaching of the transport River Clyde, and the advance of one company after another of the Munster Fusiliers to death; of the storming of Sedd-el-Bahr, when Colonel Doughty-Wylie and Captain Walford were killed; and, lastly, the daring of the Lancashire Fusiliers whose assault of the Turkish trenches near Cape Tekko from open boats under a terrific fire was described as the finest feat of arms ever

achieved by British or any other soldiers. But bravery was of no avail. A few miles from Cape Helles was the height of Achi Baba, which the Turks, taking advantage of the long delay in making a landing, had turned into a fortress which proved impregnable. Its scored and wooded slopes ran down towards Helles and athwart its base the Turks had prepared position after position in the ravines centring on the village of Krithia. Practically the whole of the operations since the landing have been assaults on this Krithia line. Battle after battle has been fought, in which the losses have been heavy on both sides, and in which generally the gains on either side have been very few yards. In July and August the situation altered, and the Krithia fighting became subsidiary to the attempt to turn the Turkish positions from Anzac and Suvia Bay. The failure of this attack, and the subsequent withdrawals from Anzac and Suvia on December 19-20, are fresh in the memory. The cost of the Gallipoli operations in

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Our casualties amounted to one British

rank and file wounded. There were no casualties among the French troops . . .

THE ACHI BABA BARRIER. A MEMORY OF THE GREAT LANDING. Helles was the first and last position on the Gallipoli Peninsula to be held by British

troops. It was there, nearly nine months ago, that the great landing took place under cover of the guns of the Fleet, in which battalion after battalion of British troops, advancing against prepared Turkish positions, was swept by shell and bullet, yet clung on to the narrow rim of beach and rock and refused to give way. After ten days' fighting and an advance which was counted by yards, our losses, inclusive of the troops at Anzac but exclusive of the French, were 177 officers and 1.990 other ranks killed, 412 officers and 7.087 other ranks wounded, and 13 officers and ON THIS DAY

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It is because India is such a differ-

ent country today that Mr Major's

journey is timely, his time well

Newcastle United's strip may be

black and white, but this story is

not as clear cut as the club's fans

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#### Rescued sailor 'in absolute heaven'

■ Tony Bullimore was in "absolute heaven" on board an Australian frigate after one of the greatest personal survival feats in maritime history.

The British lone sailor had spent nearly five days in an air pocket in the upturned hull of his yacht before being pulled from the Southern Ocean. He had lost the tip of his left little finger and was suffering from minor hypothermia. dehydration and frostbite - but medical staff aboard HMAS Adelaide said that he was relatively unscathed......Pages 1, 2, 3

#### Private schools' marks wrongly upgraded

A team of examiners raised the scores of some independent school candidates in last summer's English A level by up to two grades without looking at the papers, said an unprecedented public report by scrutineers...

#### Pound surges

The pound rose to its highest level for four years as investors responded to the dramatic gap opening up between the British economy and those of the ...Page i Continent...

#### By-election gamble

John Major has opted for the high-risk strategy of holding a byelection in Wirral South which could put the Tories into a minority administration weeks before ... Page 1

#### Oxford rethink

Oxford University has abandoned its controversial plan to site a £40 million business school on a sports ground in the city ..Page 5

#### Mother accuses

The mother of six-year-old Rikki Neave, who was found strangled near his home after she neglected him for years, blamed social workers for failing to answer her call for help...

#### Branson tries again Richard Branson flew home and

revealed that he will return to Morocco for a third bid to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon.

#### **New CJD test**

Scientists say they have a simple test to give early diagnosis of the new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which is linked to eating .....Page 7

#### **BBC** attacked

Sir Paul McCartney attacked the BBC for trying to make The Beatles look like "widow-beaters" in an acrimonious dispute over the ownership of lyrics he wrote 30 years ago... .....Page 10

#### Election trail

John Major blazed the election trail 5,000 miles from home when he used a speech in Calcutta to make a pitch for the Asian vote in Britain ..

#### Scientology stars Dustin Hoffman, Goldie Hawn

and other Hollywood stars joined forces with top film producers. directors and writers to attack German discrimination against Scientologists .... No to euro vote Helmut Kohl, the German Chan-

monetary union although threequarters of Germans say they Dangerous hormones State pharmaceutical officials in

cellor, ruled out the possibility of

a referendum on economic and

#### France distributed growth hormones to children that could cause the Creuztfeldt-Jakob dis-.. Page 7 ease, said a magazine ..... Page 15

Strikers attacked Korean police raided the headquarters of striking trade unionists and were poised for an attempt to remove other leaders from a cathedral..... ...... Page 16

#### Keeping warm at cold comfort zoo

For the penguins and the wolves, it is like home from home. But the snowy wastes of London Zoo are proving less than hospitable for some of the species from warmer climes. As temperatures remained at freezing point, keepers were at full stretch to keep up the spirits and keep warm the bodies of inmates like the Asian lions, Kamal and Ruchi ..



Traffic crawls along the icy road link between north Kent and the Isle of Sheppey yesterday. Boy dies in pond, page 1

#### BUSINESS.

Lloyd's: The insurance market is expected to announce profits of more than £1 billion for the secondyear running. Profits are expected to hold up well for the next few

Warning: Shares in Sears fell after the store group that owns Selfridges told the stockmarket that profits for the year would be well below the previous figure of £100 ....Page 25

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Tennis: Tim Henman reached the semi-finals of the Sydney International tournament with a three-set victory over Alex O'Brien, of the United States

Grey pop power: David Sinclair says the attention paid to David Bowie's 50th birthday merely confirms the musical contribution of mature rockers .....

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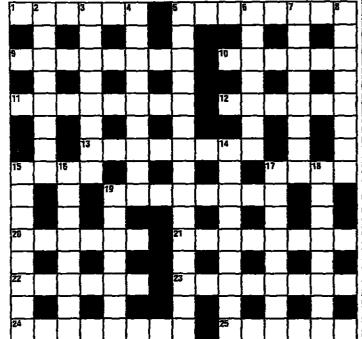
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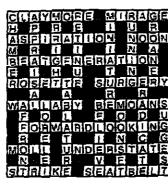
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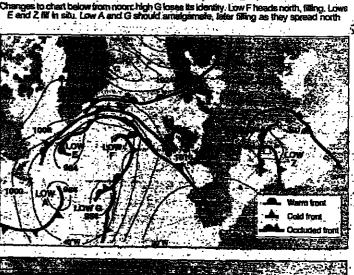
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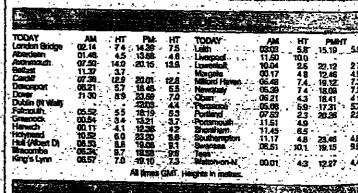
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### Merrett will not work in Lloyd's again after £1m deal

By Jon Ashworth

STEPHEN MERRETT, the former Lloyd's of London deputy chairman. who was accused of "negligence, incompetence and dereliction of duty" in a High Court case two years ago, is to pay £1 million in damages, and will never work at

Lloyd's again. Mr Merrett, once one of Lloyd's most powerful underwriters has struck a deal with Lloyd's, in return for protection from future legal

action. Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess of York, and Adam Faith, the acror-singer, are among names who lost more than £300 million on Merrett Syndicate 418. The £1 million will be paid to the 1,900-strong Merrett Syndicate 418 (1985) Names' Association.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, and Sir Rocco Forte, the hotelier, are among other names involved. Under the deal, the Merrett underwriting agencies have agreed to pay about £2.2 million to Lloyd's, representing their share of the £225 million contributed by underwriters to the Lloyd's settlement. Mr Merrett will not, at any time, be a director, employee or shareholder of any company in the Lloyd's market. He will become a party to the settlement - protecting him from future lawsuits from names - but will receive no debt credits in the settlement of his

finality bill. Lloyd's has agreed to drop its inquiry into Mr Merrett. The ulti-

mare sanction of a El million Time' and a self-imposed ban on working in the market is unlikely to have been matched by any disciplinary tribunal. Mr Merrett resigned as deputy chairman of Lloyd's in September 1993, after intense pressure from senior figures in the insurance industry. The Merrett names saw their efforts rewarded in awarded landmark damages in the

High Court. Mr Justice Cresswell, the presid-

ing judge, expressed "serious reservations" about Mr Merrett's approach as an underwriter, in a damning 640-page judgment. Mr Merrett, he said, gave inadequate time and anention to his duties, and was "unconvincing" in his evidence in court. The judge was equally critical of Ernst & Young, which was deemed negligent in its role as auditor to the Merrett syndicate.

The Merrett deal must still be ratified by the Council of Lloyd's and the board of Equitas. John action group, said: "I'm pleased that we've drawn a line under the litigation, and that there is a benefit

to our members." Mr Merrett was formerly one of Lloyd's most powerful underwriters. He joined the business built up by his father. Roy, in 1963, and became chairman of Merrett Group

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### Sears warning puts Strong job at risk

LIAM STRONG, chief executive of Sears, is facing intense pressure from institutional shareholders to quit after the Selfridges to British Shoe retail group yesterday issued a profit warning and revealed abysmal trading figures for the

It is thought that Mr Strong may be forced out within the next few days.

. The company said that sales at shops open throughout the second half of its financial year had risen only I per cent, and had their dipped to 0.5 per cent below last year's level in the crucial Christmas period. It said that pre-tax profits for the year to January 6 would be significantly below last year's El00 million

One fund manager said yesterday: "We are fed up with it, it has been going on too long. Strong is being well-rewarded to do a good job, and he isn't doing it." Another leading institution-

al shareholder said: "It is

has been there five years. which is a reasonable amount of time for it to work. It is the job of the chairman to sort it out and I'd expect him to do so. The problem might be finding someone to replace him."

Sears insists that Mr Strong retains the backing of the board and of Sir Bob Reid, the chairman. A spokeswoman said that he would not be leaving the company.

However, one leading ana-

on saying he wasn't leaving, until he did. Strong has got to go because it is now completey impossible for him to stay." He said he expects Mr Strong to leave in the next few days. 'Advisers and non-executive directors have got to pass on the message from investors,"

lyst noted: "Kevin Keegan kept

Mr Strong joined Sears in 1991 from British Airways, where he was marketing and



Liam Strong is backed by the board but not institutions

### Christmas trade short of retailers' hopes, says CBI

CHRISTMAS trading failed to reach most retailers' expecta-tions, according to a Confederation of British Industry survey out today. The survey will dampen hears that Britain is in the midst of an unsustainable

Eighties style consumer boom.
The findings are expected to be used by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to argue against a rise in interest rates next Wednesday, when he meets Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, However, the City believes that at best Mr Clarke may be able to postpone a rise until February.

land Britain for the first time

by buying one of Edinburgh's iggest shopping centres. It has agreed to buy the

Gyle Shopping Centre in Ed-

inburgh from the city council

The 300,000 sq ft complex,

which is close to Edinburgh

airport and was opened just

four years ago, will be the first

shopping centre to be owned

by Marks & Spencer on the British mainland. The only

other shopping centre that its owns is Sprucefield, in North-

Marks & Spencer said it had

taken up the option to buy the

centre once the city council

decided to sell because it

Wants to expand and reorgan-

ise its own store at the centre,

which currently occupies.

A spokesman for Marks &

for £122 million, it revealed

By Sarah Cunningham

and the Bank is still expected to push for an immediate move. Figures from the British Retail Consortium, out next Tuesday, will be watched for firm evidence of the sector's.

The CBI's distributive trades survey for December shows that the growth in sales volumes slowed compared with the previous six months and is "substantially" lower than predictions made in November. While sales volumes -were well above those of a year ago, with about half of retailers reporting increased sales,

become a big player in retail

property: "It is a one-off deal to

secure our own interests," the

Marks & Spencer prefers to

own the freehold on its shops

and so already owns much of

the property it occupies. How-

ever, many of the shopping centres that have been built in

recent years have been han-

dled by developers, meaning

that stores operating from

them have not been able to

The other main occupier of

the Cyle centre is a Safeway

supermarket, in all, there are

65 tenants of the centre, which

attracts some 300,000 visitors

Edinburgh City Council said it had decided to sell the

centre because it wanted to

raise funds to spend on educa-

tion and transport

own the freehold

comapny said.

M&S shopping

for property

BY SARAH CUNNINGFIAM

MARKS & SPENCER is set to to buy the shopping centre did become a landlord on main- not imply that it intended to

19 per cent said that sales were down. Most retailers expect sales to be steady in January. Alastair Eperon, chairman

million to around £80 million. of the CBI panel responsible for the survey, said: "Most British Shoe were down 2.8 per cent in the second half. retailers had a good Christmas. The slowdown in the rate of sales growth reflects a Freemans sales were down 6.5 per cent, while at Selfridges they increased 8.2 per cent. major jump a year ago, so the increase in trade was meabelow expectations. sured from a high base." improvements at the Wallis,

Highest volume increases were enjoyed by booksellers. stationers and food sellers. Footwear, DIY, furniture, carpet, hardware and china experienced a slowdown.

> SFO fines Kleinwort

Benson THE securities arm of Kleinwort Benson has been

fined E30,000 with costs of

£7,900 and two of its former traders reprimanded by the

Securities and Futures Au-

thority for rule breaches

had admitted that between

July and September 1995

Alistair Truelove, a manager

and trader in European con-

vertible notes and warrants.

breached City and in-house

rules on marking positions on certain trades. He was

also fined £7,500 with costs of £3,000. His assistant, Philip

The SFA also said that

Meville lpe, an ex-employee of Merrill Lynch Internation-

al Bank, was fined £7,500 for

putting a private client in an

unsuitable investment that incurred a \$47,270 loss. Full

Tanvier Malik, another

Merrili Lynch employee, was fined £15,000 for failing to

record transactions properly.

compensation was paid.

Steel, paid £2,000 in costs.

The SFA said Kleinwort

(Robert Miller writes).

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of around 12 per cent.

arm for around £350 million

early next week. The only factor holding up Sears' shares, which fell 4p to

8712p yesterday, is the pros-

pect of a special dividend from the Freemans' sale, analysts

City followers reduced their

Sears said that sales at

However, Sears did see

Warehouse, Richards and

Miss Selfridge womenswear

forecasts for full-year pre-tax earnings from more than £100

group."



Maria Holton, of Thorn Lighting won honours for her expertise as an engineer

### Holton lights the way

for women engineers By Our Business Staff

MARIA HOLTON was yesterday named 1996 Young Woman Engineer of The Year. Ms Holton, 29, is a major project engineer with Thorn Lighting at Romford,

The award is sponsored by the Institution of Electronics and Electrical Incorporated Engineers (IEEIE) and the Caroline Haslett Memorial Trust. It aims to highlight the growing role of women in the

engineering industry and to recruits.

Diane Delaney, 22, from Oldham, Lancashire, was winner of the Mary George Memorial Prize. Ms Delaney is a test engineer with MEM 250v, where her responsibilities include the testing of new and existing products and the calibration of equipment and instrum-

### Powerful pound swells corporate casualty list

By ERIC REGULY AND JANET BUSH

STERLING'S upward march claimed British Steel, Imperial Chemical BOC Group and Burmah Castrol as its latest corporate casualties and analysts warned that the barrage of earnings downgrades and profits warnings that have hit leading stock market companies this week is expected to Market strategists said the

ratings of any company with signficant overseas operations is under threat. Steve Wright, of BZW, the securities firm. said: "There are more to come and, in some case, they will be massive downgrades."

The City began to revise its earnings forecasts in November when the pound's rise has already begun to steepen dramatically - but what had been a trickle has turned into a flood. Even as British companies started to acknowledge the damage that sterling's rise is wreaking on their bottom lines, the pound rose even

further yesterday. It ended at largely in sterling will fare 96.6 on its effective index against a basket of currencies its highest level for four

It closed on Wednesday at 96.1, which was also the level at which it ended 1996. This was 15.6 per cent higher than at the end of 1995. During the course of last year, the pound soared 24 per cent against the yen, 18.7 per cent against the

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mark, 16.9 per cent against the French franc and even 10.3 per cent against a resurgent dollar.

Many economists believe that the pound is likely to continue its climb, buoyed by relatively strong economic growth, accompanied by higher interest rates.

Companies with large foreign sales whose costs are of its costs in America.

worse. Analysts said British Steel's exports, especially to continental Europe, could be severely hit. About 40 per cent of sales are made outside the

Merrill Lynch, SocGen and NatWest Securities all downgraded their earnings forecasts for British Steel yesterday. Merrill Lynch was the most bearish, slashing its prediction for British Steel's 997-98 financial year from £650 million to £280 million.

For large pharmaceutical companies, downgrades will hit headline profits but will have little effect on the operational level. Their drug products are usually produced in the countries in which they are sold, so currency fluctuations have virtually no effect on prices and their ability to compete. SmithKline Beecham, for example, has 42 per cent of its sales and 42 per cent

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#### Lloyd's profit

The Lloyd's of London insurance market is expected to announce profits of more than El billion for the secondyear running. Profits are the next few years despite falling rates and fears of over capacity in the insurance

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### Lloyd's expected to top £1bn for second year

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London is expected to announce profits of more than El billion for the second year running this summer. And profits are expected to hold up well for the next few years. in spite of falling rates, and fears of

over capacity in the insurance market. Profits for the 1994 underwriting year are estimated at £1.18 billion, according to Chatset, the insurance analyst. Lloyd's made a profit of \$1.084

billion in 1993 - a sharp reversal on the £1.2 billion loss of 1992. Rates were high in 1993, and there were few of the catastrophes that dogged the market in the late 1980s.

Lloyd's, which has previously forecast 1994 profits of £1.008 billion, is due to publish the precise numbers in May or June. Figures are published three years in arrears. Chatset forecasts bottom-line profits of more than El billion for 1994, £850 million for 1995, and \$600 million for 1996.

Of the individual markets, marine has performed exceptionally well in 1994 and 1995, and the anticipated profit in 1996 is above average. Nonmarine has also done well, and aviation should produce a respectable profit in each year. The area of weakness is motor. Chatset has downgraded its profit forecast for 1994 from £109 million to £57 million. In 1995, motor is expected to show a loss of £12 million, compared with a forecast of £67 million.

Chatset said corporate capital's presence at Lloyd's had increased from 30 to 44 per cent in the past two years, prompting concerns about over-capacity. Chatset said: "With all sections of the market suffering from weakening rates, the last thing it needs is over capacity and a scramble amongst underwriters for business. The futher influx of corporate capacity would appear to be completely unjustified." Capacity at Lloyd's is expected to increase by 3.3 per cent to £10.32

billion in 1997. Just over half - £5.78 billion - will be provided by 9,972 individual names.

I Hovd's has been licensed to transact business in Japan's domestic insurance market for the first time in the deregulation of the Japanese insurance market. Sir David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, will officially launch Lloyd's Japan Inc at a ceremony in Tokyo in March.

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#### **Football** fund kicks off amid doubts

BY ADAM JONES

THE first fund investing solely in football clubs and associated companies was launched yesterday amid scepticism about the liquidity of the

sector. The Football Fund, run by Singer & Friedlander, is aiming to raise about £30 million initially. Tony Fraher, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds, claimed it was possible that the fund, an openended investment company fund recognised by the SIB. could grow as large as £200 million. However, there is scepticism over the ability of the sector to support an invest-ment vehicle of this size.

The fund is employing Alan Hansen, the Match of the Day pundit, as a consultant on a three-year contract. He will analyse performance on the pitch, since league pos-ition affects a club's share price. Mr Hansen will also assess youth development policies - a good one can provide cheap players...

One broker said illiquidity in shares of unquoted clubs several trade on Ofex - made

buying and selling difficult. Initially, the Football Fund will concentrate on footballrelated shares, including JJB Sports, Nike, BSkyB and construction companies involved in stadium building. British clubs will eventually account for 45 to 55 per cent of the fund; European club shares, such as Juventus, will also be held. The minimum

which conducted the review into public standards, recommended a wait of three months before Cabinet ministers should take up commercial appointments after leaving the Government.

### Mortgage lending reaches 7-year high

By ROBERT MILLER

billion.

over the next three years.

orice expectations come from

Yorkshire and Humberside.

Jim Chadwick, a director of

Barclays Mortgages, said:

There is no doubt that 1996

housing market and we expect

the recovery to continue. Al-

though further growth is un-

likely to be at the high levels of the last few months, large annual increases of up to 30

per cent are not really sustain-

able or desirable in the long

As far as the immediate

future was concerned, Mr

Chadwick said that "uncer-

tainty about interest rates and

the general election are unlike-

continue

homebuyers

according to the survey.

the market.

THE housing market re-ceived a further filip yesterday with news from Barclays that mortgage lending has reached its high-

est level for seven years. Barclays said that its latest Mortgage Index shows the value of gross mortgage advances in December 24 per cent up on the same month in 1995. Total gross lending for last year as a whole is expected to reach E71 million - the highest since 1990. The bank said that last year's figure is 32 per cent higher than that in

#### Pledge to wind-up Exmoor

EXMOOR DUAL the split capital investment trust, could be the subject of a new bid after the board's announcement that it will propose early liquidation if supported at an extraordinary meeting on February 3.

Analysis said that the door was "wide open": even after taking 3 per cent liquidation costs into account, the £18.2 million trust will still stand at a 13.7 per cent discount to net asset value. This could tempt an outside manager to buy out Panther Securities, which has 29.9 per cent of the trust's voting shares. Panther is seeking to oust the board and convert Exmoor into a property fund.

Liquidation could give ordinary shareholders 1612p and income shareholders 62-2p. Panther's offer was 9p and 36p.



Tony Fraher, left, with Alan Hansen, who will be acting as consultant to the fund

### Second energy sector role for Eggar

TIM EGGAR, the former Energy Minister, vesterday took on his second role at a company in the energy industry less than six months after

ly to dampen demand signifileaving the Government. His appointment as a noncantly, but will probably executive director at Monu-ment Oil drew sharp criticism from Labour. It to attraci to fixed-rate

follows his appointment in November as part-time chair-man of MW Kellogg, an engineering business that gets much of its work in the energy

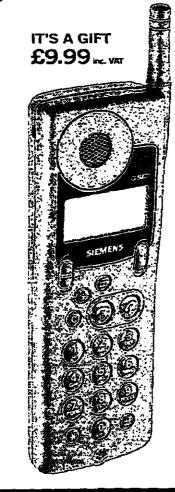
John Battle, Labour's spokesman on energy, said that although within the law the move raised questions about the desirability of ex-

ministers moving to jobs in

companies in areas which they had dealt. Mr Eggar, who is leaving Parliament at the election, will have special responsibilities at Monument for overseas interests. He is expected to be remunerated above the typical rate for a non-executive director at Monument of £15,000. His pay for Kellogg was tipped as a substantial sixfigure sum. He was not available for comment.

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#### Compass lifts board bonuses

COMPASS GROUP, the contract catering company, awarded its directors total bonuses of £634,000 last year. up from £536.0(0) in the previous 12 months (Martin Bar-

row writes).

previously.

The rise in bonus payments tollowed a 50.1 per cent rise in profits before tax and excep-tional items to £114.3 million in the 12 months to September 30. Total directors' remuneration increased to £2.7 million from \$2.1 million previously. The latest total included salaries and honuses paid to three directors who joined the board during the course of the previous year. The remuneration of Francis Mackay, chief executive, was £556,000, including a bonus of £!05.000, and was

little changed from £559,000

THE Home Office has warned the public not to send money to overseas companies purporting to run lotteries.

An Australian organisation

called The Territorian Lottery this week mailed British homes, congratulating people for having a chance to share in an EIS million tax-free prize fund. The mailshot, postmarked Budapest, highlights seductive phrases such as: "You are the jackpot winner and are now a multimillionaire. it contains sonorous but empty state-ments including: Be duly informed that the following has been approved unanimously by The Board and is

fully guaranteed." It soon becomes clear that to

### Warning after lottery mailshot

By Paul Durman

claim your "winnings" it is necessary to send E5 to a post office box number in Australia. No other address is given. The Home Office said it is

against the law to promote or advertise an overseas lottery within the UK. Although not vet tested in the courts. mailshots such as Territorian's would seem to be covered by this prohibition, part of the 1976 Loneries & Amusements Act.
The Home Office has come

across similar lotteries but it has proved difficult to take action because they are out-side British jurisdiction. Territorian's mailshot carries pictures of winners, each of whom is said to have received El million. None is named,

### End in sight for VW dispute with Opel

THE long-running dispute between Volkswagen and Opel, General Motor's German subsidiary, is close to a resolution. An out-of-court settlement over claims that VW spied on Opel could be announced today. VW said: "It is possible that an announcement will be made. Not all the details are finalised. An agreement is very close to being worked out."

According to the Handelsblatt newspaper, Klaus Liesen, the VW supervisory board chairman, and John Smale. GM's executive chairman, reached an agreement to settle the dispute. Under the terms of the settlement, VW will buy components from GM on a long-term basis and will shoulder a large part of GM's legal expenses. In return, GM will drop its US civil suit for damages against VW. Demands for an apology from VW have apparently also been dropped. The three year old dispute centres on accusations that Jose Ignacio López de Arriortua, VW's purchasing manager, was involved in industrial espionage when he left GM for VW.

#### French go-ahead for BA

BRITISH AIRWAYS yesterday won court approval to acquire Air Libérté, the insolvent carrier, and expand its presence in the French air travel market to more than 20 per cent. Dominique Leveque, president of the Creteil commer-cial court, said the court agreed to the plan presented by BA and Banque Rivaud, its French partner, to take control of Air Libérté and invest Fr780 million. Although the French industry and Government were initially reluctant to allow Air Liberte to fall into foreign hands, M Leveque said there was no "acceptable alternative plan".

#### New structure at AIB

AlB, the Irish banking group, has formed a new holding company for AIB Investment Managers and John Govett & Co. two investment management firms AIB acquired in December 1995. AIB Asset Management Holdings will be headed by Kevin Pakenham, who will remain chief executive of John Govett. Patrick Cunneen, managing director of AIB Investment Managers, becomes vice-chairman. Mr Pakenham said the new company would enable the two businesses to cooperate globally. In the UK the two retail businesses have been combined and renamed Govett Unit Trusts.

#### US wholesale surge

WHOLESALE prices in America recorded their biggest increase all year in December, as surging energy prices offset an otherwise calm inflation report. The US Labour Department said the producer price index advanced 0.5 per cent, after rising 0.4 per cent in November. The December rise was the biggest since December 1995's gain of 0.6 per cent. However, excluding food and energy prices, the core rate of inflation rose only 0.1 per cent, matching November's rise. Economists had forecast a 0.3 per cent increase in wholesale prices overall and a 0.1 per cent rise in the core rate.

#### Toy Options wins deal

TOY OPTIONS, the toy distribution and marketing company, yesterday won a licensing contract from the European consumer products division of Warner Bros. the Hollywood film studio, to design, manufacture and market toy watches and clocks in 35 countries. The moulded products will be based on animated Warner characters such as Superman and Batman. The contract ras acquired through World Wid Kong company that was bought by Toy Options for \$1.6

#### Goode in higher gear

THE decline in vehicle hire rates has bottomed out, according to Goode Durrant, the fast-growing car and van rental company, that reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £15.2 million (£13.4 million) in the half year to October 31. Earnings were 18.5p a share (16.3p) resulting in an interim dividend of 3.2p (2.8p). Michael Waring, chairman, said the recovery in the housing marker was helping trading conditions and should set the scene for a record set of full-year results. Goode Durrant shares gained 95 p to close at 4185 p.

#### Scholl sells Septivon

SCHOLL, the healthcare company that is selling non-core assets to concentrate on its footcare and footwear brands yesterday sold Septivon, its antiseptic cleansing product, to Chefaro International of France for about £13.9 million. Septivon, which represented 10.8 per cent of Scholl's operating profits in 1995, was sold for the same price for which it was acquired in 1993. Scholl said that it is in negotiations to sell Laboratoires Valdor, a cosmetics

#### Contract boosts BNFL

BNFL, the nuclear waste group, extended its international drive yesterday after the award of a £650 million US contract to a consortium led by BNFL's American division. The contract is for the designing, building and operating of a waste-treatment facility at a former weapons research and design site in Idaho. BNFL will use some technologies developed at Sellafield on the project, while its engineering subsidiary will work on the robotics needed for the

#### Northern board changes

NORTHERN ELECTRIC, the regional electricity company, has made the first changes in board structure after its takeover by CE Electric of the US, bringing in eight new directors. David Sokol, chairman and chief executive of CalEnergy, CE Energy's parent company, is among the new names. John Grieves, a director since October 1, 1996, has resigned, the UK electricity firm said. CE Electric paid £651 million for Northern, based in Newcastle, after narrowly winning a tightly-lought and controversial takeover battle.

PIA rules help to cut investment costs by 3.9%

### Disclosure forces fall in fees

TOUGH new rules requiring insurance and investment companies to reveal their management fees have led to a drop in overall charges. according to a report (Marianne Cumbey writes).

However, investors with a high-charging company could still pay five times as much as the clients of companies with much lower charges.

The regulations, known as disclosure, were introduced in the wake of the pensions misselling scandal and forced financial services companies to make their charges clearer and more comprehensible.

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In its second annual report, the Personal Investment Authority (PlA), of which Colette Bowe is chief executive, says that charges overall have fallen 3.9 per cent in one year. Those companies that had been the most expensive the biggest rpowed

improvements. Flowever, for a ten-year endowment unit-linked policy, one of the lowest-charging pensions from Equitable Life would cust £300 out of total contribution of £3,600 over live years based on premiums of £60 a month. A similar product from Hearts of Oak

Friendly Society, would cost £1,500 out of a total contribution of £3.600. Other highchargers were Pearl, United Friendly (which has merged with Refuge to become United Assurance). Wesleyan Assur-ance Society, Windsor Life, Albany International, and Re-liance Mutual.

The study found that there was little difference between the price of direct products and those sold by an adviser. The PIA also found evidence of investors bartering with advisers over charges if they intended to make large contributions to policies.





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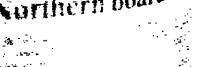
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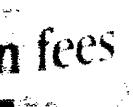
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□ Not-so-merry Christmas for retailers □ Reasons behind rash of profits downgradings □ More trouble ahead in Lime Street

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☐ THERE are many pressing questions that trouble us in the dark early days of 1997. Can the monarchy survive? Why do some Scots drive around in cars advertising their nationality in French? Will it ever be warm again? And after that nightmare death for last arises are the second of the sec dash for last-minute presents the weekend before Christmas, when the shops were crowded and everyone was so bad-tempered, why does nobody else

seem to have bought anything? The seasonal trading statements now trickling out from retailers are already a mixed bunch. Some of the specialists. selling jewellery, compiners, greetings cards or sports goods, did well. The more broad-based chains had a less spectacular Christmas. Sears has capped a dreadful 1996 with a profits warning. Argos, trading update out today, is not likely to be exciting, by comparison with the expectations the company has built up. Others such as Next, Boots and Littlewoods will be out in the next few days.

in the next few days. it is hard to see how the Sears predicament can get worse, but the record suggests management is well up to the task of ensuring it will. Trading at Selfridges was lacklustre, even if most of the damage was elsewhere in the group. The most startling figure, a like-for-like fall of 0.5 per cent in all Christmas sales, will be

### Seasonal sales lack lustre

seized as evidence by critics of the management, but it is likely to be repeated elsewhere.

and the expectation of most analysis, would be for the group to be put out of its misery by a break-up, whether by present management or a hostile take-over. Either way one of Penningion's forecasts for 1997,

an exit from shoe retailing and the departure of Liam Strong, the chief executive, would seem to be in the bag.

The rest of the retailers went into Christmas with high hopes, after a good November and fair

start to December. The CBI's Distributive Trades Survey in-

dicates, and figures from the British Retail Consortium on Tuesday are likely to confirm, that those hopes were not met. There are some technical factors to do with when the holidays fell this year, but broadly there was a slump in the second week of last month and then a lastminute rush that may not have been enough to offset this. This compares with the strong Christmas performance a year ago, and it suggests some of the other

like-for-like comparisons this time may be closer to the Sears experience than the reported 8 The kindest outcome for Sears, per cent rise by Dixons.

These Christmas trading statements are an agreeable enough ritual that enlivens what are traditionally quiet times for the market. But the real significance is in the rate of sales growth for last year as a whole. Tony Shiret, at BZW, is shoot-

ing for 3 per cent and is not going to be too far off. That is a healthy enough rise by any measure, especially when you strip out the dogs such as Sears and House of Fraser. The high street has enough to celebrate already.

#### Forecasts are for changing

□WHAT fun it will be this summer, browsing through the menu gastronomique, a chilled glass of kir at hand — and the pound sufficiently close to that ten-franc level we all really think it is worth, so no tormous mental arithmetic when the bill arrives. But the City, with its sudden rash of profits downgradings, is not

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able to take so rosy a view. There is more to the mass outbreak of pessimism over profits for 1997 than the recent rise in sterling. even though this has been the sharpest in percentage terms since 1981. A similar exercise 100k place last year, when forecasts of earnings for 1996 were deemed to

be too high.
The City went into 1996 with the expectation that non-financial stocks would see earnings growth of 12 per cent; the actual figure is now expected to come out at 6 or 7 per cent. Much adjustment was needed to forecasts in the meantime.

Likewise that figure for 1997 is in some places still at 10 per cent; about half this looks achievable. In the UK labour cost pressures

are running ahead of inflation, and that low inflation environment does not allow these to be passed on to customers.

Add to that the pound, clearly the most significant factor behind the latest gloom, and the fact that continental markets do not appear to be picking up as fast as some had hoped. Analysts are always a bit behind the action in responding to rising sterling, because no one can yet quite believe in a strong pound. Assume sterling stays where it is, or European currencies fall, as they must. More downgradings

But it is always worth making a distinction, as the market often does not, between stocks that suffer through translation of profits earned abroad because those profits are worth less in sterling terms, and those of this week's victims whose trading has actually suffered. In the former category are drug companies, for example; in the latter the likes of British Steel, with the miserable job of exporting against a strong pound.
And never forget that an-

look inevitable.

No such luck. alysts like moving their profit

forecasts, whether up or down, because this stimulates business. The rule has always been, forecast early and forecast often.

#### Still in a stew at Lloyd's

☐ FUNNY place, Lloyd's. In one corner, council members are pinning on medals and collecting knighthoods. In the other, a former deputy chairman eff-ectively submits to a £1 million fine, and pledges never to work in the Lloyd's market again. Out in the shires, more than 2,000 names are still waiting for cheques promised to them three months ago. Several hundred more are waiting for the day when the bailiffs come calling.

Ponder this for a moment, and one realises how little has changed. Reconstruction and Renewal (R&R) was supposed to be a harbinger of peace and tranquility. Hard-pressed names could write - or receive - that one last cheque, and kiss good-bye to the whole sorry business.

The black-balling of Stephen

Offer cracks down Ex-Swalec chief to

Merrett is one of several running themes. Before Christmas, Lloyd's admitted to embarrassing delays in sending out cheques to 12,000 names owed 570 million under R&R. So far, 9.800 have received £370 million. and no-one knows when the process will end. Stories persist of names receiving the wrong amounts. Court action by Lloyd's against non-paying names is expected to resume next week.

Profits in 1994 are expected to top El billion, but weakening insurance rates and increasing over-capacity could yet leave their mark. Throw aggrieved names into the pot, and one is left with a fiery dish with a lingering after-taste. Sample with care.

#### Reward for loyalty

☐ TIM Eggar is gathering rewarding posts in the North Sea oil industry he did so much to promote as Energy Minister, unemployed miners and British Gas shareholders will note. But his latest job at old chum Tony Craven Walker's Monument Oil and Gas, following the chair of oil engineer Kellog's UK arm, suggest that even an energetic 45year-old Tory minister who timed his exit early is not finding that big one easily. Those MPs who fight and lose their seats may yet regret that they abolished unemployment benefit.

### sells mine in dispute

BY CARL MORTISHED

RTZ-CRA, the mining group has sold Century Zinc, the Australian company that is at the heart of an aboriginal land title dispute, to Pasminco for A\$345 million (£160 million). The buyer, a local. has paid a deposit of A\$10 million with the balance due after the issue by the government of Queens-land of valid leases allowing the Century project to

Huge zinc deposits were identified by Century in Northern Queensland in 1990 and the company planned a development capable of producing 780,000 tonnes of concentrate a year, but the development has been dogged by claims that the indigenous aboriginal title to the land had never been

RTZ-CRA said that it had invested more than A\$240 million to date in the Century Zinc project. Pasminco has contracted to take half the output.

### RTZ-CRA Raytheon fights Northrop for GM defence arm

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

GENERAL MOTORS has received offers of about \$9 billion for Hughes Electronics, its defence arm, from Raytheon and Northrop Grunnan in the first round of what is expected to become a fierce bidding war for the

Raytheon was told by GM that its bid was about \$500 million lower than that of Northrop and is likely to raise

Both it and Northrop are determined to win because they see the purchase of Hughes as essential to their survival in the restructuring of the US defence industry.

after the end of the Cold War, a few giant defence conglomcrates have emerged, leaving smaller companies looking vulnerable. Hughes is one of

panies up for sale. The danger for Raytheon and Northrop is of over-extending themselves by bidding too much since they would both have difficulties in financing a bid that included more than about \$5 billion in cash.

Analysts said that Raytheon could have particular difficulty after its \$3 billion bid on Monday for the defence electronics division of Texas Insturments.
... GM, however, has made it a

condition of the bidding for Hughes that about half the purchase price must be in the shares of the bidding company. Raytheon and Northrop just on price but on which company has the better prospects and can offer the best fit

Raytheon argues that it is a

stable group than Northrop. It also says that Hughes, which specialises in missile technology, would make a good strategic fit with its operations

Raytheon and Northrop are both considerably smaller than the largest US defence groups created out of a flood of mergers and takeover during the past four years.

The largest of these deals, the \$19 billion merger of Boeing and McDonnell Doug-las announced shortly before Christmas to create the world's biggest aircraft manufacturer, was triggered by GM's decision to put Hughes with the deal when it became concerned that McDonnell would buy Hughes, which would have made it too expensive for Boeing to purchase at

The Office of Electricity Supply also wants to make sure the deals are not being

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE electricity watchdog yes-

terday launched a crackdown

and users of less than 100Mw

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agree to long-term contracts. Stephen Littlechild, the

electricity regulator, said he

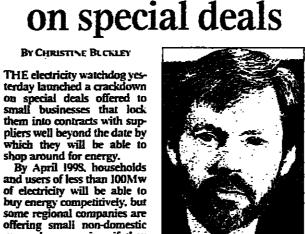
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made at the expense of other customers. All customers with the same tariff should enjoy the same opportunities from a regional monopoly supplier.
All the regional electricity companies are being questioned about such contracts after a series of inquiries to

the regulator from customers.

#### run McKechnie By Paul Durman

MCKECHNIE, the plastic and metal components group, yesterday announced the surprise departure of Mike Ost, the company's chief executive for the past ten years.

Mr Ost is to leave his £240,000 a year job in March. He will be replaced by Andrew Walker, who was chief executive of Swalec until the South Wales electricity company was taken over by Welsh Water at the end of 1995.

Vanni Treves, McKechnie's chairman, said Mr Ost's departure was a mutual decision taken after lengthy discussions. He's 52. He's got one more big job in him." Mr Treves said. "It was time for him to go elsewhere, leaving the company in great nick." McKechnie, which has a stock market value of nearly

annual pre-tax profits of just

£600 million, recently reported

yesterday repeated his view that McKechnie was poised for another year of significant progress. "The group is sound and has an excellent management team performing well, as will be evidenced by the next set of figures."

over £50 million. Mr Ost

Mr Treves said Mr Ost wili not receive a lump-sum compensation payment for the loss of his job. He will receive his salary, plus possible bonus entitlements, for a maximum 18 months. Although McKechnie's profits have grown consistently, recent progress has depended almost entirely on acquisitions,

Mr Walker. 45, joined Swalec in November 1993. He was previously managing director of Dowty's polymer engineering division.

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### Jurys checks in with 39% profits advance to £7.7m

IN DUBLIN:

JURYS, the hotel group based in the Republic of Ireland. believes its ability to attract a large share of the corporate business market should ensure that its new Belfast unit will not suffer as a result of the resumption of violence north of the border. The first Jurys Inn in Northern Ireland is due to open in April.

Barry Sheehan, director of finance and corporate affairs. said Jurys was attracted to Beliast because of the steady corporate business market there rather than the potential expansion of the tourist trade. He said: "We, like everyone else, would like to see an end to the violence. But we think the business market is there and will always be there, and Jurys

will get its share". Yesterday Jurys, where Peter Malone is managing director. reported a 39 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Ir £7.9 million (57.7 million) for the six months to October last year. Turnover was up 17 per cent to just over Ir£29 million. Excluding con-

By Paul Durman

MALCOLM BATES, Lord Weinstock's

long-time lieutenant at the helm of GEC:

has become the latest casualty of the start

of the George Simpson era at Britain's

leading engineering group.

Mr Bates, GEC's deputy managing

director since 1985, is to retire from the

electronics and power systems company

at the end of March, after more than 16

Mr Simpson, the highly regarded

former chief executive of Lucas Indus-

years on the board.



Progress at Jurys was pleasing to Peter Malone

Bates leaves Simpson's GEC to chair Premier Farnell

Weinstock lieutenant bows out

expected to produce a series of substan-

It was also announced yesterday that

Mr Bates is to become non-executive

chairman of Premier Farnell, the £2 billion electronics component distributor

formed from a controversial merger last

year. Mr Bates, 62, replaces Richard

Premier Farnell said it believed Mr

Bates's "top level strategic experience" will

be invaluable to its future development. Howard Poulson, chief executive, szid: "I

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GEC's managing director last Septem- ence from being very senior in a very large ber, and is conducting a wide-ranging company." Mr Poulson identified two

tributions from its new units a half of the turnover in its at Cardiff and Dublin, turn-eight units in the Republic and

economy in the Republic and the sustained recovery in Britsector accounts for more than eight units in the Republic and As well as its Belfast unit.

Jurys plans to open a 151bedroom hotel in Limerick and begin work on its 165bedroom unit in central London soon. The interim dividend rises 13 per cent to Ir2.6p, payable on March 10.

overhand of the group's interests. This is areas where Mr Bates could be of help:

### lifts Clinton share price

By Sarah Cunningham

CLINTON CARDS and the Electronics Boutique, the retailer of software and video games, both reported a surge in sales in December. Clinton, Britain's largest

greeting card retailer, reported sales up 15.2 per cent in the five weeks to December 29. It said: Together with more buoyant trading during last autumn, the board is confident of comfortably exceeding current market forecasts." The statement sent its shares leaping 30p to 225p.
Electronics Boutique report-

ed an even stronger 30 per cent rise in like-for-like sales in the month of December. For the 11 months to January 4, like-forlike sales were up 39 per cent. Joe Firestone, chairman, said: "Last year's loss of £8.5 million will be history, as we expect to show a small profit for the year to January 31,

1997, as planned. ☐TJ Hughes, the discount department store group, said there had been good like-for-like

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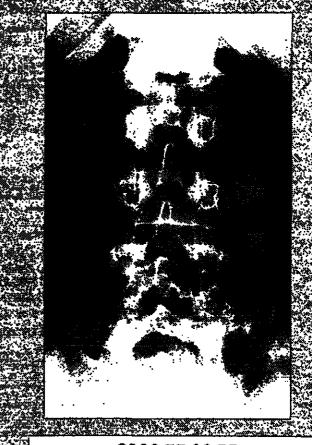
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ment's Industrial Development Advisory Board, is also chairman of Pearl Group, the Australian-owned insurer.

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Mr Poulson said Premier Farneli still had to address "lots of cultural problems

between different countries". He said the

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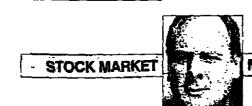
Farnell Electronics had found within

Mr Bates, a member of the Govern-

of running businesses overseas.

Premier Industrial.

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MICHAEL CLARK

### London rebounds after good news boosts Dow

SHARE prices in London clawed back a 37-point deficit to close virtually all-square on the day after Wall Street moved sharply higher in early trading last night.

Inspired by an early gain of almost 82 points in the Dow Jones industrial average, the FT-SE 100 index fought back to finish the session 0.5 down at 4,087.0. The Americans were responding to the largest monthly rise in producer price figures since March last year and the biggest year-on-year rise since 1990.

It boosted US Treasury bonds and paved the way for a strong rally by equities. London was sucked along in its wake.

Earlier in the day London had struggled to contend with a steady stream of profit downgradings by brokers concerned by the impact of a strong pound on the big overseas earners.

ICI dropped 14p to 751p as HSBC James Capel, the broker, cut its forecasts for 1997 and 1998 by £100 million each to £650 million and £800 million respectively. Capel has become bearish of the chemical sector in general and remains a seller of ICL.

Currency factors have also forced Capel to take its red pencil to Burmah Castrol. leaving the price 2212p lower at £10.8612. Meanwhile British Steel eased Ip to 153p as NatWest Securities, the broker, cut its forecast, taking into account the strong pound

A number of brokers ganged up on British Steel. which is likely to suffer more than most from sterling's strength. Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, NatWest Securities and Merrill Lynch have all downgraded their profit estimates this week. Merrill has more than halved its forecast from £650 million to £280 million.

Merrill Lynch is also worried about the impact currency fluctuations will have on Redland, with his interests in Germany. Its shares dropped 812p to a new low of 33512p. while rival RMC Group lost 29p to 939p in sympathy. It now seems likely that Redland will lose its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies when the actuaries next meet.

The consumer spending boom has done little to revive the fortunes of struggling retailer Sears, which owns order. The group has con-

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Matthew Clark revived 1812p from its alcopops hangover

firmed reports of a second profits warning and published its trading statement 24 hours ahead of schedule. Trading in the second half had been mixed while the run-up to Christmas proved disappointing, it warned the market that pre-tax profits for the full year will be significantly below last year's £100.1 million. The shares responded with a fall of

Barnes, chairman of Zeneca, was quick to point out. Zeneca £10.3712 as NatWest Securities urged clients to add to their holdings. Glaxo Wellcome slipped 3120 to 804p but cheered brokers with the news that its AIDS treatment 1411/144, being developed along with Vertex, has entered Phase 2 trials.

Note the strength of Fenchurch Insurance, up 6p at 58p. Turnover was heavy with I million shares changing hands in a market where traders normally make a price in 1,000 shares. Talk among the insurance fraternity is that an offer of 100p a share may be forthcoming. That would give Fenchurch a price tag of £37 million.

4p to 8712p, stretching the loss during the past two days to 812p. Talk in the Square Mile claims the latest fall in the share price will annoy institutional investors which may call for Liam Strong, chief executive, to step down.

The drug companies steadied themselves after earlier nervousness. Currency movements have minimal impact on profits as Sir David

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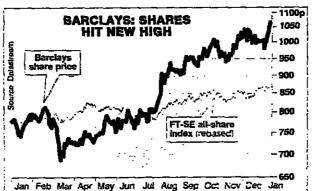
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which was downgraded on currency factors by James Capel earlier in the week. slipped a further 112p to 40lp. A fresh wave of profit warnings also helped to depress sentiment. Rubicon tumbled 55p to 11212p after saying that profits in the current year would fall short of expectations due to a slowdown in orders.

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Bank continued its recordbreaking run with the price recovering an early fall to climb 28<sup>1</sup>2p to a new peak of £10.56<sup>1</sup>2. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has been buying the stock ahead of next month's dividend reporting season. National Westmin ster Bank, up 1512p at 741p, is

tion marked time at 1012p after snapping up a 25.8 per cent stake in Superframe. It paid 20p each for the shares. AlM-listed Staffware plunged 56p to 19712p after warning of a profits shortfall. Despite talk of a promising second half, profits were unlikely to match forecasts.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices recovered after a hesitant start and moved through several

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also on Laing's buy list. Matthew Clark, the drinks group, made the most of a comment in yesterday's Pennington column suggesting the stock had been oversold, with the price rising 1812p to 27712p. Competition from alcopops cost the group dearly last year and saw the price tumble from a peak of 801p. Figures are due out next

P&O. up 1312p at 603p, and Pearson, 9p better at 74712p. both feature prominently among Kleinwort Benson's top ten buys for this year.

But Ladbroke eased 2p to 230p as ABN Amro Hoare Govett reduced its recommendation from a "buy" to a "hold".

Speculative buying in a thin market lifted Jardinerie Interiors 1312p to 136p.

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resistance levels before closing near their best of the day. The best gains were recorded during the afternoon after a positive start to trading by US Treasury bonds. The March series of the long

□ NEW YORK: Bonds rebounded on a wholesale price report, below expectations, that allayed fears that economic growth might soon spell higher inflation. Shares followed. The Dow Jones industrial average was 70.42 points higher at 6,619.90 by

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### Steel feels the cold

company's bosses feel the cold more than most. ASW makes reinforcing bars for the construction industry and every day of hard frost means another day when concrete is not being poured at construction sites across Europe. Cold weather delayed building starts last winter, leaving a backlog of steel stocks. which have been slow to clear.

ASW is in trouble. The company took over a French competitor in 1994 hoping that the French and German building sector would pick up. Instead, it has remained stuck in the doldrums and ASW has been running up losses. In desperation, the company is selling off profitable businesses to reduce gearing. which remains high at 70 per cent: if trading does not live up to expectations, a rescue

CURSES at the snow and ice will be loud at rights issue could be on the cards. Curiously, ASW's headquarters in Cardiff. The steel the strength of sterling helps ASW because scrap metal, its main raw material, is priced in dollars. However, British Steel is suffering a further bout of blood-letting on the stock market. Early in November. Tempus gave warning that a hard currency would lead to trouble; a rough and ready guide suggests a E100 million hit to profits for every ten pfennig rise in the pound. Carmakers are said to be achieving 4 per cent price reductions in longterm steel contracts.

The big worry is that British Steel will not just lose exports but that cheap imports could erode its 60 per cent share of the UK market. British Steel has some £600 million of cash to ride out this storm but with profits being shredded it could be tempted to cut the

formed since January 1988.

The company's recent

growth has come almost

entirely from acquisitions,

while the underlying busi-

tions have transformed

McKechnie from the arche-

typal Midlands metal basher

into a diversified group that

#### McKechnie

THE official version is that Mike Ost is ending his ten year stint at the helm of McKechnie to seek one last big challenge before he retires. It is not entirely clear why he has to look elsewhere when he is already running a £600 million company. And he has strangely neglected to identify that next challeng before he departs from the McKechnie fold.

Mr Ost would like you to know that the plastic and metal components group is not in trouble, and yesterday reiterated recent comments that McKechnie is poised for "another year of significant

progress".
The impression remains that Mr Ost's departure was not entirely unwelcome, and the share price, up 4p to 554 p. makes its own comment Numerous acquisispans car components, mo-bile phone parts, packaging and materials handling. Yet ness has been flat. McKechnie is also weak in continental Europe and the the ten year share record is creditable rather than spec-These must be two key tacular. McKechnie has issues for the new chief tracked the FT-SE All share

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#### M&S

THE shopping centre market was already simmering very nicely until yesterday, when Britain's favourite clothing retailer sharply turned up the heat to boil. Marks & Spenrer yesterday threw E122
million on the table to snatch
the Gyle Shopping Centre in
Edinburgh from under the
nose of Universities Superannuation Scheme.

M&S always had a right of first refusal, a fact well understood by USS, which has had its legal costs reimbursed. The retailer is poohmarks a new property strategy, noting that the company already owns most of its stores and one centre in

Nevertheless, the price is very high, struck at an initial yield of 4 per cent. Even adjusting for current market rents the yield is only 5.75 per

Capital Shopping Centres gaining 5p. Others, such as Cheisfield should also benefit as valuations are reworked. barking at their heels. The question is whether M&S is making a good move.

The company wants to ex-tend its store in the Gyle Centre but no landlord would reasonably turn down a development request from M&S. To spend such a sum suggests a strategic, rather than tactical move. M&S may be seeking to protect itself from soaring rents or, more likely.

#### Reg Vardy

REG VARDY has again demonstrated why it is has earned the reputation as the most ingenious car dealer on the market. A series of marketing gimmicks has set it. apart from the stagnating car market, helping the company to achieve underlying growth of 18 per cent.

benefit from soaring values.

its dealerships into large sites, a move copied by competitors with manufacturers

At the second-hand level, it has again led the field with its giant used car "supersites" At a size of three acres each they more closely resemble giant airport car parks than the typical motor dealer's

The last piece of its market engineering is to create the car world's equivalent of the bargain bin or "too good to auction" cars. Vardy is bridging the gap between the secondhand showroom and the auction vard, a sector likely to be especially fertile in

times of recession. The market has already recognised its value and at a rating of 15.7 times, its shares themselves are nowhere near the bargain bin. But if you only have one car dealer in your portfolio, Vardy is better positioned than many in this

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would put Italy and Japan.

Italy is heading for recession

and financial crisis, resulting

from an impossibly restrictive

fiscal policy combined with a

sharp rise in the exchange rate. Japan could also fall back

into recession if the stock

market meltdown in Tokyo

continues and the Ministry of

Finance goes through with its

hara kin policy of raising

taxes while slashing public

works. I suspect, however, that

fears of financial collapse will

make the MoF bureaucrats

reverse their fiscal plans. If so,

Japan could enjoy a big revival

in confidence and much stron-

ger growth than the 1.6 per

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Ronson line on Guys and Dolls

GERALD RONSON at a production of Guys and Dolls, surely not? The flamboyant tycoon, jailed for his part in the Guinness affair was this week at Richard Eyre's production at the National Theatre.

An urban tale of ga sters shown the path of righteousness by an all-singing gang of missionarwhat the chief executive of Heron International made of the 1960s musical. The survival can only have appealled to the toughtalking father of four who once had a sign on his desk-"It can be done".

Jumped the gun RED-FACED Chase de Vere Investments was forced to apologise vesterday for being too hasty. Earlier this week it sent out a rabble-rousing release extolling the virtues of the new instant-access investment account that it was launching with Flem-ings Save & Prosper, promising to match or exceed the average rates paid by ten of the UK's leading building societies. Only 24 hours later, the follow-up

A MEMORABLE malapropism on the screens yesterday, after Selfcare's proposal to replace the board of Environed. The announcement quoted Ron Zwanziger, chief executive of the company specialising in diagnostic products: "Selfcare will have two votes on a board comprised seven dictators, hardly a backdoor take-

fax arrived — the launch

bas been delayed.



Bates bows out

MISERY at GEC, after news that Malcolm Bates is retiring as deputy managing director at the end of its financial year. An active member of a number of government and industry think-tanks, the 62-year-old has been appointed non-executive chairman of Premier Parnell, the electronics group. According to Sara Morrison, a direc-tor at GEC. "Malcolm will be greatly missed - he's the only person in the company who can write legibly. We'll never understand one another again."

Bigger splash

MIKE HOFFMAN, axed from Thames Water last year, is gradually going back to his engineering roots. A Rolls-Royce apprenticeship was a bit over the top as qualification to be a non-exec at Hornby, the model train king, but may help him to chair the management buyout team for the Government's Building Research Centre. Along with a board seat at PowerGen and chairing the council of Brunel University, this would be enough for most. But do not write the energetic Hoffman off from another chief executive post.

A FOLLOW-UP on my story that City Index was betting on the number of days that Richard Branson stayed in the air. The sports and financial bookmaker, which prom ised to donate any profits to charity, lost £800 in

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### Which economic trend will be your friend this year?

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1997

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**BUT TOKYO WILL RECOVER** 

Forecasts lose their value

when markets start to

change direction

appy New Year. It certainly has been - so far - for anyone who stuck to the main financial trends of 1996 which I highlighted in the last Economic View before The dollar and the pound,

both widely despised a year ago by investors, have continued tising sharply. Wall Street, which was supposedly overvalued a year ago, hit a new record on Tuesday while favoured last January by professional investors - has suffered a further 10 per cent collapse in the past four days. Even Japanese and European bonds, two of the errant markets of 1996, which continually defied economic logic, have started behaving in a more sensible manner, falling sharply in the three weeks since Christmas. This bear market in bonds is a trend I certainly expect to see continuring in 1997 — especially in Japan, which is in the grip of another classic Tokyo bubble, and in Europe, where investors have forgotten about the hazards of EMU both to the countries that participate and to those, such as Italy, that are

left outside. In Britain, too, the favourable trends of 1996 are

going strong.

The question now is which of these trends we expect to continue and which will go into reverse. The trend is your friend" is a motto used by many financial traders. But nothing is more dangerous than sticking to a trend which is about to turn. This is as true of the supposedly scientific business of macroeconomic forecasting as of the very unscientific financial soothsaying I like to indulge in at

this time of year. In analysing the behaviour of an economy in a period of more or less steady growth, nothing tan beat a large and well-specified macroeconomic model of the kind used by governments, big banks and international institutions like the IMF and the OECD. But at times when the trend is breaking — when an economy is about to tumble into recession or take off on a sudden boom

— the big conventional models

are worse than useless. The key question in assessing this year's economic pros-pects, therefore, is which economies are following and which are breaking trends. For countries on a path of steady growth, there is not much hope of second-guessing the Government and OECD forecasts. But for countries moving into or out of recessions, official forecasts are not worth the paper they are

In this second category, I

A happy high

street rip-off?

From Mr D. Alistair Hibbert

Sir. You quote John O'Sullivan of NatWest Markets

(The Times, December 19,

("Good tidings for Christmas sales") as saying: This is clear evidence that the momentum

behind high street spending is

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Direct Line Group

From the Company Secretary,

Sir. Your newspaper pub-

lished an article on December

31, 1996, which, due to a

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of Peter Wood, chairman of

Direct Line Insurance. Mr

Wood's total remuneration for

that year, for his services to

to price increases." -

to be ripped off"?

Yours faithfully,

5 Fox's Covert,

Fenny Drayton.

Leicestershire.

will benefit from a dramatic weakening of the euro. If pressed, I would guess that America will grow a little more strongly than the OECD's 2.2 per cent forecast, which is largely conditioned by outdated assumptions about the "natural" rate of unemployment and America's maximum rate of non-infla-

tionary growth. Britain's growth rate, by contrast, may end a shade below the OECD's 3.3 per cent figure. I still believe that Britain will be the fastestgrowing G7 country, but there will be no boom, partly because of last year's strength of sterling, but also because of a tighter than expected fiscal

I described on this page on Tuesday some of the reasons why fiscal policy could be tightened after the election.

The main one is simply that an increase in taxes looks much more feasible politically than I imagined a few months ago. The Treasury, the Bank and the Labour Party are waking up to the availability of large revenue-raising measures out-side the forbidden territories of income tax and VAT. As Margaret Thatcher realised in 1979, there is only one good time for a major shift in the tax

burden: the Budget immediately after a big election victory. The most plausible reform would be the abolition the dividend-imputation system which subsidises UK pension funds. Such a move would have big financial implications. British shares would fall, although less sharply than the pension fund

he ultimate burden of dividend taxes falls on the workers and employers — and workers, in particular, will increase their stock market savings to make up for anticipated pensions shortfalls. The outlook for interest rates would be improved. The futures market is forecasting a rise in three-month interest rates from 6.5 per cent today to 7.4 per cent in December, I suspect that a modest fiscal tightening would be enough to keep base rates at 7 per cent or below. This would take much of the pressure off the pound. Despite this, the pound's up-trend should continue against the mark, which is set to become the world's weakest major currency. Against the dollar, however, sterling's uptrend may already have run out of steam at \$1.70. If the dollar rises eventually to at least DM1.70, sterling will have to fall quite sharply

against the greenback to avoid moving back into the old ERM zone above DM2.80.

The strong dollar is one trend that has now been running for almost two years and shows no sign of turning. I argued back in December 1994 that the dollar's 30-year downtrend against the mark and yen was about to turn. I now believe more firmly than ever that what started two vears ago was a long-term secular trend and not just a cyclical blip in a continuing bear market. So far, the dollar's biggest move has been against the ven. But with the Japanese economy now poised for recovery (barring a collective outbreak of insanity at the Ministry of Finance), the yen should stabilise somewhere in the Y120 to Y130 range. Germany, by contrast, is now structurally the weakest economy in Europe. Its only hope of restoring international competitiveness is to abandon the "hard" mark and welcome a currency designed to depreciate much further against the dollar, the yen and even the

friendless Swiss franc. The weak mark, in other words, seems to be another case where "the trend is your friend" until further notice. Now let me turn to some big financial trends that may finally be exhausted. The most important is the huge run-up in share prices around the crash on Wall Street remains unlikely, since American shares are only modestly overvalued even at 6,600 on the Dow. However, any further big gains ought to wait for profits growth to catch up with expectations. The most benign (and probable) outcome would be a long period of direction-

bears. However, a more dramatic alternative is possible -

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another big gain of 20 per cent or so followed by an equally sharo fall. Either way, shares in most leading markets are likely to end 1997 roughly where they started. The main exception (apart from London, which may be affected by tax and political considerations) could be Tokyo. Most of last year was trendless for investors in Japan, rather like 1997 could be in other markets. But this year Tokyo shares are likely to fall sharply or to rise sharply — or

quite possibly to do both. Sentiment about Japan is now at a bearish extreme. If the economy does slow, the pessimism will be fully justified, parts of the financial system will collapse and the Nikkei could quickly crash back to its 1995 lows. But if the bureaucrats relent and the economic recovery accelerates. Tokyo share prices could easily rise 20 or 30 per cent. In Japan, at least, the trend is certainly not your friend at the moment.

### Returns to senders in Nigeria

Beware the poison penned by

fraudsters, writes Robert Miller

wealthy Califor-L nian investors have lost millions of dollars to fraudsters who are using London as an international base from which to operate their scams.

Their plight has led senior raud squad detectives in Britain to warn investors to be on the alert for a fresh wave of illegal schemes operating out of London, many of which are connected with Nigeria. These new scams are more sophisticated versions of the Nigerian letters that have flooded the UK in recent years. One was even sent to George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud

Most Nigerian letters offer millions of dollars to UK and overseas investors who help bogus Nigerian officials smuggle money, which has allegedly been siphoned from Government contracts, out of the country.

Detective Inspector David Crinnion, of the Metropoli-

tan Police Company said: "Worldwide, the iosses from these scams run into billars year. Investors in over 51 countries, including Britain. have received Nigerian letters. In spite of our

repeated to touch them people still prove all too gullible." Mr Crinnion, who last year broke-up a Nigerian scam led by fugitive "Chief" Frank Okosa, which resulted in a former Barclays Bank manager being jailed for five years, added: "Translated, these letters have the same theme -'Dear Sir or Madam, I am a thief who has stolen a lot of money from the Govern-ment and I would like your

These monies do not exist and never have." Inquiries by The Times have established that two groups of US investors, attracted by the sound regulatory reputation of the City of London, were induced to part with more than \$3 million. They handed over the money to a Nigerian group — CBN International Clearing House — headed

help to get it out of Nigeria'.

by a Dr TD Spiff that operates out of an accomodation address in the the West End of London.

The first group, which put up around \$2 million, used the international electronic banking system to wire money through the Holborn branch of a British bank in London for onward tranmission to Nigeria. The investors were told that the funds would back a Nigerian oil field construction being carried out by a Costa Rican company.

Chris Pedras, one of the US investors, said: "We have been told by the Nigerian Petroleum Corporation office in London that these contracts never existed." Mr Pedras alleges that Nigerian Government officials are part of the scam and receive a pay-off in return for the use of genuine seals.

The Nigerian High Commission in London yesterday categorically denied that the fraudsters were Nigerian Government offici-

als. The Commission that its Government has taken out newspaper advertisements worldwide to warm investors about the fraudulent nature of these letters and deals. Mr Pedras

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Staple: received letter

the second group of US investors, which lost \$1 million and was also told that the money was being invested in an over-budgeted oil field construction project, last month visited London to trace the missing funds. They tried unsuccessfully to lure "Dr Spiff" into a face-toface meeting using further funds as a bait.

Tackling fraud, as well as money-laundering, is an international issue, often spanning five or six jurisdictions. The emphasis is on much closer co-operation between British agencies and their overseas counterparts. In one such move currently before the UK courts, a state agency in Florida has lodged a request with the UK authorities for the extradition of three Nigerian citizens, operating out of London, back to the sunshine state.

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THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

#### Insurance companies contribute to ABI annual survey of fraud

General of the Association of British Insurers Sir, Mr E.J. Smith asked

(Business Letters, January 7) how the extent of fraudulent insurance claims is assessed. The Association of British insurers (ABI) conducts an annual survey of insurance companies. They are asked for their individual assessment of the level of insurance fraud of different types for various classes of insurance, and the answers are collated to pro-

duce an overall result. The total cost has fallen from a starting figure of £800

Direct Line and its parent company, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group pic, was £429,414. He received no salary from the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc. Yours faithfully. PETER ATKINSON, Company Secretary, Direct Line Group. 3 Edridge Road,

Croydon, Surrey. .

From the Deputy Director- million in 1993, through £600 million in 1994, £585 million in This reduction has been

1995 to £560 million in 1996. achieved in two ways. First, the insurance companies have made strenuous efforts to improve the skill of their staff to spot potentially fraudulent claims and then to check them out thoroughly but fairly. Secondly, the ABI's Crime

and Fraud Prevention Bureau (established 18 months ago) has provided a forum for insurance companies to share knowledge, particularly of new forms of fraud, and so improve the industry's antifraud capability and performance. A series of successful initiatives have been undertaken and publicised.

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Computer errors can be corrected

From Mr Nigel L. Denton Sir, Members of the Halifax Building Society (report. January 2) who feel that they will miss out on their share bonuses because of incor rectly entered computer records have recourse through the 1984 Data Protection Act. This places the onus on the

owner of computer data to hold only accurate information and to keep it up to date. Under Section 21 of the Act the Society must provide a printout of the personal data held on any member who pays the appropriate fee. This information must be corrected if shown to be in error. Yours faithfully.

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### Nikkei dives amid fears about health of Japanese economy

By OLIVER AUGUST

DEEPENING gloom about the Japanese economy is enguling the Tokyo stock market. Yesterday's share price plunge sent the Nikkei market average down 3.25 per cent to its lowest close in more than a year.

The nosedive, the latest in a series of steep stock market tumbles, was driven by fierce selling of Japanese banking shares coupled with rounds of futures-linked selling, brokers said.

ven also stumbled at the start of the year, briefly touching a nearly four-year low of Y117 to the dollar on Monday.

The gloom descended last month when the Japanese Government unveiled plans to raise taxes to tackle budget deficit problems, even at the risk of squeezing the country's still tentative economic recovery. The markets are deeply sceptical about the ability of Ryutaro Hashimoto. the Prime Minister, to help to sustain economic The Nikkei ended the day 606.51 points lower at 18.073.87. The index has lost almost 1,300 al reforms. Haruyoshi Mabuchi, chief strategist

points in the first four trading days of 1997. The at Nikko Securities, said: "The Government has not felt it urgent to hammer out a new plan just by the Nikkei 225's break through 19,000. It will be necessary for it to hit around 18,000 to prompt the Government to change its policy.'

Economists will focus on the details of Mr Hashimoto's policy speech before parliament on January 20, but traders said that expectations were already low.

Mr Mabuchi said: "There is a possibility that the Government will not do anything and let financial firms close their books for the fiscal year in the red. Then the Nikkei may dive to

around 17,000." Yasunari Lleno, chief economist at Fuji Securities, said that few options were left for the Government. "It would be difficult for the Government to propose something effective on January 20," he said.

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, the Finance Minister, has been trying to pull private investors into the fight for recovery. He said that big firms must take the lead in boosting the economy and not rely too much on the Government.

The slumping stock market has renewed fears of a "triple bear" scenario in which Japan's currency, shares and bond prices all collapse at once. But traders think that a "double bear" scenario of a free-falling yen and share prices is a

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is in Tokyo to meet husiness leaders and government officials, yesterday urged Japan to forge ahead with economic reforms that he said Britain had found could hurt at first but
ultimately yielded big rewards.
He added: "We did go through a pain barrier

in a way, but the pain was not that bad. And the overall benefits to society as a whole are evident and are irreversible."

### OFT under attack over report into BA and American

By Jon Ashworth

up 168 take-off and landing

slots at Heathrow - repre-

senting 84 flights - if they

were to proceed with their

alliance. It additionally called

for wider access to their fre-

Continental, the fifth largest

US carrier, was damning in its

although this is subject to

Metals sale, which is worth

In the steel sector, ASW

said it benefited from the

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prices decreased by 15-20 per

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Shares of ASW were un-

Last year the shares trad-

ed at a high of 95p before

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earned pre-tax profits of £13.8 million on turnover of

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changed at 33p yesterday, valuing the business at £27

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BRITISH AIRWAYS and American Airlines will have to cessions in order for their alliance to proceed, opponents stated vesterday.

Two rival carriers. United and Continental, said that draft conditions from the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) came nowhere near addressing their concerns. Continenral said that the draft OFT report was a "disgrace" that could only have been influenced by pressure from West-

ASW HOLDINGS, the steel

and building materials com-

pany, has yet to escape the

slump in the construction

sector. The company said yesterday it had suffered

further losses since June

1996, despite an increase in

ASW said: "The directors

expect that trading would

improve in 1997 over 1996.

although demand in the short term will be affected

by weather conditions in the

continental Europe im-

proved in the second half of

1996 compared with the first

half. But financial problems

have not abated. The

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Mr Simon said that business air fares between the UK and America could rise 50 per cent within two years if the deal went through without further conditions being imposed. BA/American would speak for 60 per cent of seats between the UK and America and nearly 70 per cent of seats between London and New York. Mr Simon said: "BA will have eliminated its major competition. Consumers will be much more at its mercy."

United, the world's largest carrier, said that measures were needed to ensure the proposed alliance did not harm consumers and stifle competition. These included siot divestiture, a commitment not to penalise other airlines by asking them to pay for slots, and more equal access to airport facilities.

Cyril Murphy, United's affairs, said: "It is absolutely critical that any undertakings on British Airways and American truly correspond to the actual loss of competition that will result from their proposed alliance. So far, the undertakings put forward provide neither the incentive nor the physical means for other airlines to offer a competitive counter-balance to BA and American."

Continental said that it alone would need 140 slots just to meet its primary goals. It would seek to compete on the London to New York run -"the biggest market in the world" - by operating daily services to Newark, New Jersey. It would additionally seek to offset BA/American's total dominance of the London to Dallas route by operating parallel services out of Houston, its domestic hub.



Longer-term prospects remain good at Rubicon, according to Tim Wightman, left, and Nino Allenza, finance director

### Warning takes 30% off Rubicon

By MARTIN BARROW RUBICON GROUP lost almost a third of its stock

market value yesterday after the specialist engineer warned investors that profits would be "substantially below market expectations" in the current year. Rubicon shares fell 1022p

from 167 p in quick response before settling at 1172 p, representing a fall of 30 per cent, and reducing the company's capitalisation to £103 million from £146.8 million. The profit warning was a nasty surprise for analysts who

upgraded profit forecasts as recently as November after an upbeat trading statement at the company's annual meeting.

The company, which earned pre-tax profits of £10.88 million in the last full financial year, said a slowdown in orders was evident in the second half of the current year, reflecting a marked deterioration in trading in two of its divisions.

The metal fabrications division had suffered because the pattern of trading in UK

personal computer manufac-£1.2 million of rationalisation turing customers had failed to show its traditional upturn in December. The board now took a more pessimistic view of trading in the first quarter of 1997. Weak demand for executive is Tim Wightman. aluminium castings from the said that despite the setback European automotive industry had adversely affected the

expected to be lower in 1997. Results for the six months to November 30, due January 29. will be in line with market expectations after charging

specialist castings division and order schedules are now

costs. In an effort to cut costs the company envisages employee reductions of up to 20 per cent in some divisions. The company, whose chief

cashflow remains strong. The board was "confident of the inherent strengths of all the group's divisions" and that prospects for the following

financial year remained good. Rubicon would continue with its progressive dividend policy, the company said.

#### Cash offer made for **Scott Pickford**

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CORE LABORATORIES, the American oil drilling consultancy, has tabled a firm cash offer for Scott Pickford at 53p per share, valuing the geological consultancy, which is listed on the Alternative Investment Market, at £8.27 million. The move prompted

Aerodata, the Australian geological consultancy, also vying to make a bid, to lift its negotiating price to 53p per share, although it stopped short of making a formal offer. Aerodata stands to gain 19 per cent of Scott Pickford under a share swap with the company secured by Don Scott, its founder and chairman. However, Mr Scott is opposed by a rival faction within the board that last month succeeded in gaining

control of the company. Scott Pickford's shares closed '2 p up yesterday, at 52p. The share swap was sanctioned last month after Gabriel Simonian, who owns 3 per cent of the company, parted ranks with the rebels to create

a 3-3 split on the board. Mr. Scott, Tony Woodliffe and Mr Simonian are supporting Aerodata's bid, giving it 33 per cent of the voting

The rival faction, comprising Ralph Brown, John Turner and Alan Manning, supports Core Laboratories and controls 44 per cent of the

However, after a board meeting last night. Mr Scott said the divisions were close to breaking down, and that the share swap was being susended. The board would be likely to recommend Aerodata's bid, he said, if it offered more than 53p per share.

All three companies gather and process information about rocks for oil companies. Scott Pickford gathers information from the land, while Aerodata does so from aircraft and Core Laboratories specialises in processing the results.

Core Laboratories, which is listed on the Nasdaq exchange, is by far the largest of the three, with a market value of £115 million.

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### Toad quits AIM for main market

By Fraser Nelson

TOAD, the car security company, has become the second company to move from the Alternative investment Market to the official list, joining the main exchange with a value of E14.6 million.

Charles Parker, who joined the company as chief executive on Monday, said that the move was fuelled by a desire to attract more institutional support and to be listed on a more "respectable" market. Mr Parker, formerly com-mercial director of Charter,

said that the switch was essential to completing the raising of E7.1 million of funds. He added that much of the money was raised on the provision that the company left the junior exchange. Mr Parker said: "Some of

the institutions said they could not have so much as talked to us if we were not going on to the official list. The main market is properly regulated, it's where I come from, and I feel comfortable there."

Toad's shares have had a disappointing run on AIM. Placed at 115p 14 months ago, they have fallen almost without interruption, closing 12p lower yesterday at 844p.

Over the same period, the company has secured contracts worth E4 million. against the £3 million it struck in sales in its last financial

Cirqual, the specialist engineering company, moved from AIM to the full list last month, but did not raise any

#### Builder to home in on Irish market

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

ABBEY, the housebuilder, will expand in the Republic of Ireland this year, its chairman said yesterday.

The company, which is registered in Dublin but whose main operations are in the South East of England, reported pre-tax profits of IrE3.56 million (£3.4 million) for the six months to October, up from IrS million last time. Earnings per share grew to lr6.lop (1r5.19p).

Charles Gallagher, chairman, said that the improvement in the UK housing market that resulted in higher unit sales in the first half had

not yet prompted a full recovery in margins. Abbey sold 67 units in the Irish market in the first half

and 200 in the UK. It planned to take advantage of its landbank and the booming economy in the Republic to build some 250 units in 1997-98. Mr Gallagher forecast an upturn for M&J Engineers, the UK plant hire business, the property rental division and said it was "the first time

in many years" that all three business were expected to progress. The interim dividend is 1r2.2p, up 4.8 per cent



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**CIA Group settles** 

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CIA GROUP, Europe's second largest independent

advertising media specialists, settled its legal dispute yesterday with the ITV companies by agreeing to pay

them £1.8 million. The amount, equivalent to more than a

quarter of 1995's pre-tax profits of £6.7 million, will be

taken as a one-off charge in the 1996 profit and loss

account. The results for the year to December 31 are to be announced in March. Several ITV companies, including Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television and Granada, issued

writs against CIA in October, alleging a shortfall in

spending by CIA's clients.
The ITV companies threatened to withdraw credit lines

and commission payments unless the dispute was

resolved. Chris Ingram, chairman of CIA, said: "While we are pleased that the agreement has finally been

reached, we are obviously disappointed about the impact, albeit one-off, on our profit record." CIA shares closed unchanged at 1325 p.

CRH, the Irish building materials group, has spent Ir 20.5

million on capital projects and acquisitions in continental

Europe and North America. These investments follow transactions totalling Ir £405 million last year. CRH expanded its

DIY stores and its building supplies depots in The Netherlands.

It also acquired a Dutch manufacturer of glass rooflight

structures, a Dutch brick manufacturer and an II per cent stake in a publicly quoted French builders merchant. In America, CRH acquired sand reserves in New Hampshire and a Quebe:

TBI, the property company that owns airports in Cardiff and

Belfast, is raising £49 million through the sale of The

Fountains office development in Brentford, Middlesex, to

Springlake Business. The property comprises 140,000 sq ft of offices in four buildings and 34,000 sq ft of business units. The property is worth about £47.9 million and generates annual net rent of £4.3 million before interest costs. The

proceeds will be used to reduce debts on the asset and to

supplement cash resources. TBI negotiated a change to a

break clause in the lease with the tenant before selling.

polymer concrete company and asphalt plants.

TBI sale nets £49m

**CRH** growth continues

Inflation forecasts bring pay warning

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

WAGE bargaining in Britain remaining steady with settle-is likely to be tougher this year in the face of rising inflation; a new pay forecast for 1997 says today. The forecast comes as a new boardroom survey shows Picklo the continuing popularity of executive share options de-spite moves against them by the Government-backed Greenbury inquiry on top pay.

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The warning on pay comes from Incomes Data Services, the independent wage specialist, in its latest analysis of wage settlements. After the rise in the retail price index. IDS says today: The upturn in the rate of inflation to 2.7 per cent and the deterioration on the outlook for inflation over the coming year has put pressure on negotiators."

Suggesting that rising inflation is a "more difficult background for pay bargaining, IDS details a range of City inflation forecasts, suggesting inflation will rise to between 2.8 per cent and 3.1 per cent in the first three months of this year, rising to 3.5 or even 4 per cent in the second half.

Higher interest rates are seen as the principal interest behind the expected rise in inflation. The IDS study says that, if such inflation forecasts prove correct, "then pay bargaining may be much tougher in 1997 and pay settlements may be pushed higher by rising inflation". While it says

some deals are higher, such as

the 7 per cent rise in the lock, latch and key industry.

On executive pay, a new study on incentive arrangements casts doubt on the implementation of the Greenbury recommendations.
The study, by the Monks
Partnership remuneration ad-

visers, suggests that the long-er-term incentive plans recommended by Greenbury are unlikely to replace the share option schemes, at least in the immediate future. Surveying 4,500 boardroom

jobs in a sample of 600 companies, the Monks study says that 90 per cent of companies still have share option schemes though 10 per cent have now ceased giving options to board directors. But the Monks study says that many of the alternatives to the share option plan are complex and potentially costly to administer. Share options

some companies." It says that there were some expectations that Greenbury would lead to a common approach to incentive plans: "The effect has been the opposite and the diversity and complexity of that the overall trend on pay is plans continues to increase."

may better meet the needs of



Peter Vardy, chairman, saw the company significantly outperform the market

#### Expansion at Vardy will create **250** jobs

By Fraser Nelson

REG VARDY, the innovative car dealer, is poised to create more than 250 jobs through a £15 million expansion plan designed to refurbish its dealerships and open more of its three-acre "supersites" for used cars.

The company is to spend £9 million developing its current sites and on expanding its exposure to Volkswagen, Jeep and Jaguar vehicles, which will create 100 jobs. It also plans to spend a further £6 million on opening three more supersites, which will create between 150 and 180 jobs.

Graeme Potts, chief executive, said the company aimed to expand in town centre sites, and was prepared to pay high premiums for the privilege. We want to locate as close to the customer as we can," he said. "You can buy an acre in the wilderness for a lot less than the sites we are looking at. We are taking an investment view."

The dealer strongly outper formed the market in the six months to October 31, selling 36,000 cars — a 21 per cent lift against an industry average of 5 per cent. Stripping out the impact of acquisitions, the figure stood at 18 per cent at the half-way stage. Pre-tax profits were £8.2 million (£6.15 million), on sales of £345 million (£280 million). It opened two more supersites during the six months, making a lotal of five.

Vardy shares gained 23p yesterday, to a five-month high of 315½p. Earnings were 10.7p (8.8p) per share, leaving an interim payout of 2.6p (2.25p), due on April 30.

#### **Druck profits static**

DRUCK HOLDINGS, the electronic pressure and temperature devices manufacturer, blamed the strengthening pound, an increase in overheads and lower gross margins for static pre-tax profits in the six months to September 30, 1996. Profits remained at £4.4 million and earnings per share fell from 4.31p to 4.18p. The interim dividend rose to 0.54p (0.5p). At the end of September outstanding orders were 29 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Export markets such as Eastern Europe, the Far East and India rose significantly, and exports now account for more than 80 per cent of turnover.

#### Paribas in sale talks

PARIBAS, the French financial holding company, is negotiating the sale of Credit du Nord, the domestic retail bank, to Societé Générale for Ffr2.2 billion, it was announced yesterday. The transaction will take place in two stages, with Société Générale initially acquiring a controlling interest and making a pledge to acquire the outstanding equity within three years. Paribas wishes to withdraw from retail banking and concentrate on international investment, merchant banking and specialised financial services.

### Boots tones up Italian presence in £4.1m deal

By OUR CITY STAFF

BOOTS, the healthcare and retailing company, has acquired Farmila Dermical, a privately-owned Italian skincare business, for £4.1 million.

The business, with an annual turnover of £2 million, is strong in the therapeutic areas of psoriasis, seborrhoeic dermatitis and dry skin. With sales are worth about £2

million in an £80 million market, Farmila Dermical includes Balta, Riaderm and Leviax among its brands. Total annual sales for Boots Healthcare in Italy will grow to more than £15 million on the acquisition of Farmila Dermical.

Boots hopes to gain a 20 per cent share of Italy's therapeutic skincare market in the medium term through the Farmila Dermical deal, according to Barry Clare, managing director of Boots Healthcare International (BHI). That would bring the group's market share in Italy in line with its share of the market in France, where Boots acquired Laboratoires Lutsia for some £H5 million in September last year. Lutsia has sales of around £40 million in a market worth £200

Mr Clare said that he did not see any reason why the Boots group "should not achieve similar levels to

France in Italy in the medium term." BHI already sells cold cure and painkiller products in Italy and hopes to add its own-brand E45 skincare range to Lutsia's products to sell in the country. Mr Clare said. The E45 skincare range has around 60 per cent of the UK market but is not as well known as Lutsia's range in continental Europe. Mr Clare said its first new products for Italy would be launched in the spring.

BHI is still looking to buy interests in the German over-the-counter medicines market, Mr Clare added, along with any fill-in or complementary acquisitions.

"We want to be the leader for therapeutic skincare in Europe," he said, adding that the Boots group is already market leader in Britain. "With the Italian purchase, we have got the legs to exploit our product range in Europe," said Mr Clare.

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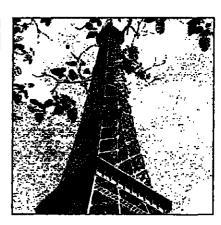
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■ POP 1 David Bowie turns 50, but does age matter any more in the music business?



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Not content with making their mark in politics; the Spice Girls are also enriching the English language



Still running for the shadows in his golden years. David Bowie is nevertheless a mere stripling when compared to some of those still in thrall to the rock'n'roll backbeat

### Rocking with the cavemen

In the week David Bowie turned 50, **David Sinclair** wonders

latest birthday. From lengthy magazine articles and weighty retrospectives on Radio 4 and BBC2 to respectful celebrations on fun-loving Radio 1. Bowie's "achievement" in reaching 50 has generated the kind of attention normally reserved for anniversaries of great pop festivals or momentous deaths. So why all the

While not unconnected to the fact that Bowie has a new album. Earthling. released next month, the hoopla surmunding his ascension to pop-

what happened to the idea that pop was a young man's game seems strange to think of ers like Cliff Richard and Neil musicians in their filties be-Diamond than with the having like fully functioning

Bowie has done better at this than most. Many of his contemporaries from the 1970s have either died (Marc Bolan. Mick Ronson) or faded (Bryan Ferry, Ian Hunter of Mott the Hoople, Alice Cooper, Slade). Others, such as Elton John (who will be 50 in March) and Rod Stewart (who turns 52 today), have maintained their profiles by becoming family

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sounds of Britpop or the modern dance scene. Bowie may have had some disastrous moments, but he has never completely lost touch. He plays hardly any of his old songs these days, and his most recent album, Outside, was his most confrontational work in many years. But perhaps this is not as surprising as it seems. The

days when pop was perceived

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age of 30 — are clearly long gone. Noel Gallagher will be 30 this year, Stephen Jones of Babybird is 31, Jarvis Cocker 33, Shaun Ryder 34, Ian Broudie of the Lightning Seeds 37 and Paul Weller 38. No one is suggesting that any of them should be thinking of retirement. And, while veterans such as U2 (average age 35) and R.E.M. (38) have obviously been around a long time, no one is saying that they are too old for the job, per se.

For this, all rockers of a stoked by the fact that it still more in common with croon- the finishing line before the considerable debt of gratitude

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the passage towards a graceful middle age. Now in their midfifties, they continue to push up the age at which it is possible still to claim bona fide rock star status. But even the most ardent Stones fan would accept that creatively the group is long past its prime. When you're in your midtwenties you've got something that you lose," Eric Clapton told O magazine when he was

to the Rolling Stones, who

have drawn a huge amount of

ageist flak at every stage of

their career over the past 20

years. Already into their thir-

ties when punk arrived, and

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lessly over the hill even then,

the Stones have steadfastly

resisted the urge to cast off

their outlaw image and accept

still only 41 (he turns 52 in March). "You've just got a certain amount of dynamism that you lose when you turn 30. You have to accept that, otherwise you're chasing a dream." Their energy may become dissipated, but do pop stars necessarily lose their creative

abilities as they get older? Is the ageing process inextrica-bly linked with artistic (as opposed to popular) decline? Nothing could be further from the truth in other areas of the arts, so why should popular music be any different? While many key performers such as Bob Dylan, Chuck Berry and Paul McCartney

have drifted into an embarrassing artistic dotage, a surprising number of acts have seen their cureers blossom in later years. At the age of 47 Lou Reed ended a long period

album New York, released in 1989, since when he has gone from strength to strength. In the same year Neil Young, then 44, released Freedom, an extraordinarily vigorous al-bum which heralded the start of a six-year purple patch. Tina Turner was a sprightly 46 when she made the most unlikely comeback of all with her album Private Dancer in 1984, while John Lee Hooker, now 75, has sold more records in his seventies than during

the rest of his career. There is no doubt that the engine of creativity in popular music is most efficiently driven by factors relating specifically to youth, in particular plus of raging hormones. In an industry obsessed with image and change, young acts are always going to be more of the moment than their older counterparts.

But still one can point to artists such as John Hiatt, Iggy Pop, Shawn Colvin, Van Morrison, Richard Thompson. Peter Gabriel, John Mellencamp, Norma Waterson, Steve Earle, Aerosmith, Joe Ely, Bruce Springsteen and Johnny Cash, all of whom have produced (and continue to produce) some of their finest work while languishing on the

Their music offers some-

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ing than the manic thrill of younger pop. Many have drawn on the established traditions of folk, country and blues, but their musical vocabulary remains that of a generation that came up during the era of rock'n'roll's primacy. Their continuing presence is gradually extending the musical and emotional range of pop, just as surely as the new performers who ensure its

# Larging it? I should zigah-zigah

Those who live their lives by the vocabulary of pop music are fated to repeat it. Sounds fair to me

was a bit of a Reader's Digest grouple in my early teens. Presuming that It Pays to Increase Your Word Power was the benchmark for all civilised conversation, I dutifully learnt all the words defined in this quiz over a period of five years. I now have a completely useless, arcane vocabulary, with a bias

towards military slang from the Boer War, but which also embraces Corybantic (manic and annoying, like a small kitten hanging from your nostril by one claw). roborant (medicine that makes

you strong) and Lonk (it's a Lancastrian sheep). Music slang works in much the same way

Those who don't know what it means generally don't need to, but have a vague, unsettling feeling that maybe they should. Luckily, there's always the Oxford English

Dictionary to come to the rescue of us all. Giving most new words five years to prove themselves, this year the OED rejected entries for "loungecore" and "Romo" easy listening and the New Romantic revival and "lo-fi", the new catch-all description of what was once called "indie" music. Of course, all these are quite sensible words, compared with some of the slang you

Just as the Inuit have 57 different words for snow, because snow is all that there is in their lives, so musicians have 57 different words for cocaine, for much the same reason. Schnozz, Peruvian marching powder, charlie, nose-ningle and Vim (the nickname of choice for the realistic).

Of course, there are those who make it their business to be as obscure as possible. I recall, in my wilder years, being on a train with A Farnous Band, drinking champagne and celebrating their new Top Ten hit by wearing a very silly tinfoil

One band member leant forward conspiratorially, and started singing a song couldn't recognise in a rather urgent way. Seeing my confusion, his bandmate explained: "He wants to know if you want to go to Wichita." As we were just pulling out of Doncaster station, and had chosen to catch this train in order to make it home for Police! Camera! Action!. I merely kicked

him in a friendly way, and went back to balancing my head on the table. "No, no, no," he said, more urgently.
"You know - Wichita!
Wichita! The Wichita Lineman! Line, man."

To which, in a burst of thankful joy at having finally twigged, I yelled: "Oh, you mean cocaine!" At the request of other passengers, we subsequently moved to another carriage.

And as surely as night follows day, and dealers follow pop stars, so feeling a bit giddy and off follows

hour bender This is why the second-largest pool of slang is devoted to being drunk. Trousered, larruped gibboned, minged off me mong all trainee lush puppies (young drinkers) pick up

MORAN the lingo as swift-

ly as they pick up their Of course, when you reach the latter stages of being "gattered", things tend to go a bit "pearshaped": you may end up snogging some "spenk" (ugly feller) and have to "kick him to the kerb" (get rid of him) when the "kriss" (hunky and cool) guy you

fancy suddenly turns up. The rise of Oasis has continued the trend for nationwide adoption of Manwith the success of Happy Mondays and the Stone Roses. The "munted" (ugly fellers) may take comfort in the fact that, if in possession of "Gallaghers" (large eye-brows), they may still be able to pull. "Skanking" — a term originally used to describe the clipped rhythm guitar in reggae — is now

being widely mouthed. In Manchester it means standing someone up, while in the Midlands it's something generally "bobbins". or rubbish. Dance lingo, on the other hand, has become over-used: "Top one!" "Sorted", "Larging it" and "Massive" just make most people wince. But "cool" is still

The main new entrant into language in the last year, however, has been provided by the Spice Girls. Zigah-zigah is the Super-califragilisticexpialidocious" of the Nineties — a word to cover every situation, particularly occasions when you would like to swear, but the company is too polite.

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**CHANGING TIMES** 

### Cheesy taster but no extras

TOP TENA BIOLS TO

JONATHAN FIRE EATER Tremble Under Boom Lights (Deceptive BLUFF 038CD.

THERE is a certain left-field. bohemian approach to rock in roll that only bands from New York seem able to carry off. The Cramps used to be pretty good at it. Royal Trux still have it in spades, the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion have taken it to wild extremes.

Despite their unpromisingy tedious name. Jonathan Fire Eater display something of the same wasted outsider chic on their five-track minialbum. Tremble Under Boom

Singer Stewart Lupton has an instantly charismatic style. combining the preening slobbishness of Mick Jagger with the Gothic punk dramatics of Iggy Pop and Nick Cave. Give me daughters," he yelps in a way that most parents would not find reassuring, despite his subsequent promise that he would "raise them to go to church with me". The album's art-school ga-

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rage band produc-tion is given a disfinctive twist by

continuing vitality.

the cheesy organ sound of Walter Martin and drummer Matt Barrick's fidgety tom tom beats, and while hardly a revelation, it could easily turn out to be a taster for great things to come. But don't waste time looking for the "bonus track" promised on both disc and sleeve. It doesn't

BEENIE MAN Maestro (Greensleeves GRELCD234,

BRISTLING with vitality and touched by a wonderfully madcap sense of humour. Beenie Man's second internationally released collection could not offer a greater contrast to the downbeat, gan-

Failing Into You.... Blue is the Colour,

Everything Must Go...

Ocean Drive..

Travelling Without Moying..

ja-fuelled albums that used to dominate the reggae charts in the 1980s. Still only 22, Beenie (Jamai-

can for weeny) was a child prodigy who cut his first album in Jamaica when he was ten. His hoarse, dancehall rap delivery has echoes of Shaggy's "boombastic" style, but Maestro has a far greater reach, both musically and in terms of its subject-matter, than just about any other contemporary reggae album that comes to mind.

Switching between cheekily boastful rhymes about his overactive love life and hardhitting hymns to the power of black spirituality, the album incorporates everything from the supper-club swing of Nuff Gal to the loopy, pseudo-operatic declarations of the

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title track. Whatever else he may be, when it comes to the diversity of his music. Beenie

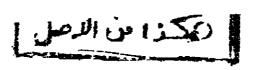
VARIOUS ARTISTS Space Jam

(Warner Sunset/Atlantic 7567-82961, £15.49) A PART-LIVE action, part-

animated movie about basketball, starring Bill Murray and Bugs Bunny, Space Jam is already a phenomenal success in America, where this soundtrack has produced new hit singles for Seal, R. Kelly and the Quad City DJs. Featuring a host of R&B and.

hip-hop stars, including LL Cool J. Salt-N-Pepa and Coolio, the album is a quintessentially American experience. Numbers such as Basketball Jones (a lugubrious rap by Barry White and Chris Rock) and the title track (a cheerleader-type, hip-hop chant about "slamming" and waving your hands in the air) sound rather out of their element when divorced from the film, which is heading our way in the spring. Perhaps it will make better sense then.

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Liberal conscience: divisions between rich and poor. perennial themes are tackled in The Fever



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Mendelssohn at the double: Birmingham hears both piano concertos in an evening







Saved for the nation by the National Art Collections Fund, at a price: (clockwise from top left) Da Vinci's Studies of a paw of a wolf or dog (c 1490); Van Dyck's Princess Elizabeth and Princess Anne (1637); Renoir's La Place Clichy (c 1880)

#### leave Britain. Although the owner offered Velazquez's masterpiece to the nation, the asking price was a colossal £45,000. How on earth was the National Gallery to raise such a fortune, nine times more than its:

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annual acquisitions grant? The answer came from a doughty cluster of collectors, curators and critics, including Roger Fry and the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. Two years before, united in their alarm over the exodus of the country's treasures, they had banded together to found the National Art Collections Fund. And the threatened loss of the Rokeby Venus showed how effective they could be. Within a short time, all the money for the work was raised. Four years after this spectacular coup the fund scored another by saving Holbein's Christina of Denmark from imminent export.

Since then the fund has grown into Britain's biggest art charity. Every year it plays an indispensable part in helping museums and other public collections throughout the country to purchase outstanding objects. More than 100,000 works of art now on view in the UK have been acquired with the fund's decisive assistance. And, as the

### ant to save a treasure?

recent saving of the Becket casket proved, they include many items mextricably bound up with our national history.

To celebrate these achievements. Christie's is staging a resplendent exhibition of works saved by the fund. Concentrating on objects acquired since 1980, the selection includes treasures from more than 50 collections and reveals their astonishing variety. They range in date from the Oxborough Dirk, a remarkably refined Bronze Age ceremonial weapon made around 1400 BC, to an ecuberant abstract triptych painted by Gillian Ayres in 1990. The fund is open-minded in its response to old-and new alike, and is now enjoying an exceptionally successful period. Membership has leapt by more than 40 per cent in the past two years, helping to ensure a record £2.73 million in

grants made during 1995. But there is no room for complacency. Key works have continued to leave the country since the fund's inception, including the sole painted portrait of Henry VIII securely attributed to Holbein himself, in

As the spectacular fruits of its efforts go on show in London, Richard Cork finds out how Britain's biggest

art charity sets about saving works from export

1962 the great Leonardo Cartoon of the Virgin and Child with St Anne was put up for sale by the Royal Academy, and secured for the National Gallery only after a prolonged, agonising campaign in which the fund played a central role. But if the Academy ever decided to sell its Michelangelo sculpture, even the most tenacious cash-raising initiative might well fail to prevent this superlative carving from export.
So the fund is, if possible, even

more important now than it was at the beginning of the century. National Lottery money has certainly helped to save some marvellous works, not least the beautiful double-sided ink drawing by Marco Zoooo purchased last year by the British Museum for £445,000. But since the lottery cannot provide the entire cost of anything, the fund finds itself today in still greater demand to make up the shortfall. Just how well it has helped to

enrich the nation's collections is demonstrated throughout the Christie's show. In 1984 Manchester City Art Gallery bought a wonderfully impassioned Crucifixion attributed to Duccio with the aid of £500,000 from the fund. This powerful painting enables a major regional collection to show early Siennese art at its height. And the Tate Gallery acquired an equally intense 20th-century painting when purchased Max Beckmann's claustrophobic, suspenseful Carni-

val with the fund's help in 1981. European painting is displayed to best effect in the Great Room. Here Wright of Derby's flickering yet sternly constructed The Iron

Forge holds its own with companions as formidable as Poussin's The Triumph of Pan, a tour de force of orgiastic excitement defined with the steely authority of an archclassicist.

ot all the paintings in this room show artists at their best. Claude's The Adoration of the Golden Calf relies to a disappointing extent on its stilted figures, and compares very poorly with the same artist's sublime, infinitely mysterious The Enchanted Castle near by. But nobody could argue about the spellbinding quality of El Greco's shadowy, sensual and tantalising canvas known only as An Allegory, while among the portraits Nicholas de Largillière's Ann Throckmorton as a Nun is a quiet miracle of 18th-century French painting at its most subtle and sympathetic.

The Throckmorton canvas, purchased by the National Trust for £350,000 in 1991, is also an excellent example of the fund's belief in retaining objects whenever possible in their original settings. Largillière's portrait is preserved at Coughton Court, the Throckmorton family home. It makes far more sense there than in an anonymous museum, and for the same reason Charles Rennie Mackintosh's ebonised pine table with pearl inlay has been acquired by Hill House, the innovative family home he designed in Helensburgh

near Glasgow. By disclosing the prices of almost everything on display, the exhibition's catalogue reminds us that nothing goes cheap on the art market today. Even the Mackintosh table cost a princely £200,000. and the Becket casket was eventually sold to the Victoria and Albert Museum for a head-spinning £4.2 million. All the same, the show also proves that delightful things can be

bought for far less vertiginous sums. Four years ago an unusually early ink drawing by Stanley Spencer, of a village child called Roy, was purchased for £1.500 by the enterprising Spencer Gallery in Cookham. The fund donated a third of the price.

On the whole, though, important art costs a daunting amount. Now that privately owned paintings by the finest masters are so rare, their drawings can fetch the kind of figures that would have been unimaginable to collectors in the past. When Rubens's virile ink and chalk portrait of the Earl of Arundel came up for sale in 1993, the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford was confronted by the awesome task of raising £900,000. With so little money at its own disposal, the chances of acquiring such a consummate likeness of a great English collector must have seemed slender. But with the fund's assistance, this brayura example of European draughtsmanship is now safely ensonced at Oxford. within reach of us all.

• Freasures for Everyone is at Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 ptff-836 (Co) until Jan 20 Tull membership of the National Art Collections Fund (071-225-4800) costs (25, and offers many benefits including free admission to more than 170 museums, galleries and historic houses

### The burden of being well-off

but no extra aged beggar : stretches out a Blair, earnest thoughts about addressing the

causes of poverty apparently describe a world where the combine with a belief in "zero. cultured are destroyed in the tolerance, and he withholds repression that follows the his munificence. On the evidence of this one person play. Wallace Shawn's reaction would be rather different. His moral life would flash before him, and a weird mixture of alternately clutched dollars to his bosom and flung them to

the winds. The beggar would

probably end up finding him sheher for the night Yet Shawn's own affliction. which is a bad case of liberalremorse, begins to trouble me. How can I be flippant about the chasms between the wellfee and the hungry? The monologue's answer is simple. The haves will do anything from defensive jokes about the poor to congratulating themselves on their charitable instincts, from convincing themselves that luck of birth is divine justice to using torture chambers — to protect their

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TEATER The Fever Ambassadors

> rising of a raging underclass. The Canadian actress Clare Coulter sits on a chair and, her

quiet, incisive voice occasionally breaking into a snarl or sardonic cackle, evokes the resentment and self-loathing night that a combination of would come pouring out as he guilt and bitterness at feeling guilt drove her into a longbrewing breakdown. Does it sound as if some Manhattan Marxist is launch-

ing into a drab parody of one of Edward Bond's dramatic sermons? Thanks to Coulter's beautifully judged perfor-mance and the articulate yet confused passions of the text, the effect is far more searching. This is a nice woman from a nice background who has visited impoverished countries, rejected the rationalisations for the economic inequality she has seen, realised that she would still resist any social change that threatened her civilised pleasures, compares — to protect the have—and ended up accusing herself nots.



Clare Coulter: beautifully judged performance

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is it merely a sign of privileged defensiveness to pick holes in Shawn's case? No, for he divides the world too rigidly into rich and poor, as if no in-betweens were muddling along. He is also absordly at odds with modern history, in and out of his native America, when he suggests that serious economic progress is impossible. Yet he and his actress touch a selfdisgust that many of us try to suppress. Why don't I do more for that child in the Oxfam ad, that man in the Amnesty pamphlet? How can I face being me while they are them?

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE to articulate their sadness,

#### A meal with three starters

ONE way to explain it would be to refer to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's recording schedules. Another way would be to claim that there is still room for eccentricity, and that if a conductor wants to combine three Weber overtures with two Mendelssohn piano concertos he can do it.

Whatever the motivation behind Lawrence Foster's Symphony Hall programme, it worked. With two or three more Weber overtures at the end, instead of Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber, it would have been

IF IT is simpler to make an impact with new music than to set oneself against a per forming tradition, then Alexander Taylor made a perfect entrance, playing with his elbow. Frederic Rzewski's Winnboro Cotton Mill Blaes is unfamiliar rather than new, but Taylor drove its machinelike rhythms with conviction.

His was an intelligently balanced programme: a pre miere of Marina Adamia's assured Five Pieces for Piano, Martin Butler's lively Sonata and Anthony Payne's simple yet mesmerising Song Without End. Finnissy's "recollections" of two Gershwin songs made for a haunting ending, though Taylor was too limpid

**CONCERTS** 

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> possibly even more effective. In between came Stephen Hough's brilliantly stylish performances of Mendelssohn's Piano Concertos, in G minor and D minor. In the last movement of the G minor, Hough risked enough to make it seem as if it might run off the rails at any moment - an illusion but no less thrilling for that. The pianist found

PLG Young Artists Purcell Room The repertoire most testing

to a player's artistry is surely the second-rate, which was the challenge facing the guitar duo, the Katona brothers. Stars of the evening, these identical Hungarian twins kept the audience rapt throughout Piazolla's lightweight Tango Suite and Judith Bingham's slight Santa Casa. Here, as in every piece, the delicate perfection of the Katonas' playing electrified the music. The full extent of their art was only on display in Leo Brouwer's wonderful Per Suonare a Due. The work

much romantic interest, too in the first movement of the D minor Concerto. But not even he could deflect the suspicion that Mendelssohn left himself

too little time to complete the work. The idea with the three comparatively minor Weber overtures was evidently to make a suite of them. The quality of Foster's interpretation was in the inspired melodic phrasing above all, but also in his promotion of the rhythmic vivacity which distinguishes Weber's music at any period in his career.

#### GERALD LARNER

moves from a tangled atonal skein to a hilarious dialogue between the two guitars.

The intense ensemble between the Katonas is irresistible, in contrast to the piano/cello duo who shared the concert. Jamie Walton and Daniel Grinwood's programme was tough by any standard, including Colin Matthews's Three Enigmas and Schnittke's Sonata No L Walton progressed through the Matthews like an athlete. but was too physically involved to delve into its mysteries. His beautiful tone in William Walton's solo Passacaglia showed his true potential.

HELEN WALLACE





**CHOICE** 1

Opening weekend for the London International Mime Festival

VENUES: Across London; see below for details



CHOICE 2

Yehudi Menuhin conducts the LPO in romantic masterpieces

VENUE: Sunday at the Barbican





■ CHOICE 3

Pianist Joanna MacGregor leads at the SoundCircus VENUE: Bridgewater Hall. Manchester, tomorrow



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LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL. An exhibitating programme of visual and physical freque begins romonaw, and runs until January 26 at vonues ecross the capital, including th South Bank, BAC ICA and Grous adaptation of Richard III. The restwal ens at the Purcell Room with Impagnic Mossous Bonte perform

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MALL OF YOU MINE. The eturbished the sire, in a pub renamed the Frange and Firter (goddin') re-opens with a new play by the excellent Richard Cameron, set in a Yorkshire mining village where as usual, guity secrets emerge. Smort Usher directs. **Bush**, Shephords Bush Green. W12

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WEEKEND CHOICE A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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Edinburgh Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000) Tonight and romonow, 7 30pm (§) ALLIFAX. The 25th Lating Seascape and Landscape competition is one of six enhancing opening tomorrow at the Pean Cough Galleres in A House and a Head. Tom Wood further develops. a need, form wood nature governors his exploration of the figure through his notify-testured paintings. The Continence Gallety is showing paintings by John Glednill, entitled Night and Day, on the subject "man", while Frectal Loch, a

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Tarika create a special kind of harmony with their new album, says Nigel Williamson

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brutally suppressed an uprising in Madagascar using Senegalese troops. An estimated 80,000 people died, many more were tortured and a legacy of racism lives on to this day. The Senegalese have been demonised and Malagasy parents routinely warn their childeren that unless they behave, "the blacks" (west Africans are darker-skinned than most local tribes) will eat them alive.

On the anniversary of these tragic events. an extraordinary musical project bringing together Malagasy

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and Senegalese musicians has attempted to heal the wounds of history. Last year Hanitra Rasoanaivo, the Londonbased singer whose band Tarika has enjoyed considerable success across America and Europe with its warm. lilting African rhythms, returned home to learn more about her past.

"I'd never done anything like this before," says Rasoanaivo. "I was just happy making music. But as I developed as a songwriter, I discovered that certain subjects were taboo and I wanted to sing about them."

She travelled to the remotest parts of Madagascar, collecting stories of the 1947 uprising from eye-witnesses and the archives. What she discovered goes to the heart of racism and exploitation everywhere. "My grandmother, my grandfather, my aunts and uncles all told me the story when I was small and I was really scared. If you are bad the Senegalese will come and eat you. It was the classic colonial divide-and-rule tactic. If it is blacker than you, it is nasty and inhuman and does these terrible things. I had to investigate the story behind this."

The resulting album, Son Egal, is a remarkable collection of songs, haunting and moving in its plea for reconciliation and tolerance, tough and clear-sighted in its condemnation of corruption and racial hatred. Simon

LOUISIANA isn't necessarily the first place to look for the blues: Chicago and Memphis both stake stronger claims. Yet as the collection Deep Blues (Ace CD-CHD 604) shows, producer J.D. Miller was, in the 1950s and early 1900s, able to gather together a superb roster of so called "swamp blues" artists including Lightnin' Slim. Slim Harpo, Lazy Lester and Whispering Smith. The mixture of nasal, Jimmy Reed-like vocals and brilliant harp blowing is irresistible.

Keeping the Louisiana tradition alive today is guitarist his impressive songwriting skills allied with mature vocals and some stunning Tarika have brought together Senegalese and Malagasy musicians in a bid to heal the wounds of history

Emmerson of the Afro-Celt Sound System was recruited to produce the album, and in a symbolic act of reconciliation, members of the band led by Senegalese star Baaba Maal

The album is the most impressive chapter yet in Rasoanaivo's rags to riches story. Home was very poor and only now, with the proceeds of her success, is she able to supply electricity to the family house. There is still no running water. "It is a very traditional, basic life," she says. "Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world, brought to its knees by corrupt

politicians and businessmen." Some-how she was given an education. studied languages at university and ended up working as a translator at the Madagascar Embassy in London. Six years ago, friends heard Rasoanaivo and her sister Noro singing in the kitchen and suggested that they take up music professionally. At first they laughed, but a band, initially known as Tarika Sammy (the now shortened name means simply "the group"), took shape. Swiftly their blend of shimmering five-part harmonies, traditional instruments and energetic rhythms established Tarika as one of the hits of

the roots music scene from America to Japan. In Europe the album looks set to become one of the surprise successes of the year. In Madagascar it is certain to stir up huge controversy. "I heard some incredible stories from

people who had been harshly tor-tured," says Rasoanaivo. "A lot of people told me not to do the album. My parents thought I was mad and it's going to stir a lot of things up. But I had to do it. We've been keeping this hatred inside ourselves and it is time for reconciliation." Son Egal, by Tarika is released on Xenophile (XENO4042) on Monday

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### Sounds of the swamp

blues licks on his Baton Rouge (Verve Gitanes 529 467-2). But if it's Chicago you still hanker after, then veteran harp player Little Mack Simmons is your man. A club fixture for years, he has never sounded so good as he does on High & Lonesome (St George STG 7704), a remarkable homage to the early days of postwar Chicago blues.

Go clubbing today, and you're more likely to encounter artists such as W.C. Clark and Albert Washington, who combine soul and blues. Guitarist Clark played behind

NEW BLUES ALBUMS

stars like Stevie Ray Vaughan,

but moves centre stage for Texas Soul (Black Top BT1131) and provides the best version of Willie Nelson's Funny How Time Slips Away since fellow Texan Joe Hinton back in the 1960s. It is also good to see the return of Washington, on Step It Up and Go (Iris ICD1005). an album newly distributed over here. He cut a string of great singles a decade or so

The thriving British blues scene is celebrated with a clutch of new releases, the best of which is the debut by vocalist Earl Green, who uses a variety of sidemen including US guitarist Joe Louis Walker and Surbiton harmonica star Lee Sankey, for an atmospheric and adventurous set, Feel The Fire (Abacabe ABACA CD002). Runners up are Paul

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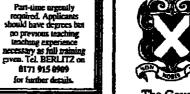


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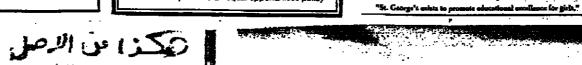
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## We need to assist children not parents

he survey reported in The Times this week of families whose daughters hold assisted places at Cirls Public Day School Trust schools was clearly intended to encourage the Labour Party to think again about abolishing the Assisted Places Scheme. But it is likely to have the opposite effect. By highlighting the case of a girl who has accepted an assisted place at Birkenhead High School when she had been offered a place at a local state school with comparable academic results, the survey exposed

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the scheme's fundamental weakness. Taxpayers' money is being used to fund a parental preference for an independent school when there is a perfectly good state school on their doorstep. I am all for parental choice bur I do not see why I should pay school fees for other people's children unless their educational needs cannot be met in the schools that my taxes

are already funding.

There is nothing wrong in principle with the State buying places at independent schools. It happens without controversy in many countries. But from the taxpayers' point of view it makes sense only if the places are used to enhance pupil

opportunity not just to extend parental justified only if it complements what the state system has to offer. The present scheme does-not do that. There is no objective assessment of whether the child needs to move schools.

I do not blame parents for taking advantage of the scheme. Their overriding concern is to get the best education for their child. But the scheme would be so much more acceptable to the taxpayer and so much less vulnerable to political swings if it was seen to be based on the needs of the child.

In the early days it was possible to argue that in some areas the scheme did complement what was available in the state system because the independent schools involved were academic highflyers. To give a bright child from a disadvantaged area an assisted place at Manchester Grammar School or the North London Collegiate School would seem to be a reasonable use of public funds to most people. Why waste talent when the means to develop it are at hand? But in recent years the scheme has been

expanded to include independent schools



The future of the Assisted Places Scheme hangs in the

balance. John Rae says a

different scheme would fulfil

the original intentions

with no academic pretension. "All the schools have been chosen for their academic record," the Independent Schools Information Service assures parents interested in the scheme. But 47 of the schools offering assisted places are so weak academically that they cannot make the top five hundred in The Times A-level league table. To argue that children need to move to these schools to get a better academic education is an insult to the large number of state schools with better

The omens are not good as the future of the scheme hangs in the balance. The independent schools want the best children they can get, not the children who

need them most. The Conservatives think that extending parental choice is justification enough. Labour and the Liberal Democrats believe there are no needs that cannot be met by the local education authority.

How wrong they all are. There are children whose needs are not being met in state schools and who could be helped by independent schools if those schools were willing to co-operate.

I am thinking particularly of children with learning difficulties. There are other children whose needs are not being met, but those with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia and dyspraxia, are a good illustration of how a reformed Assisted

Places Scheme could work. These children are ill-served by many local education authorities (LEAs) and would be wellserved by those independent schools that have developed an impressive expertise in this area. There is a match heaveen need and opportunity, precisely the circumstances in which it would be justified to use taxpayers' money.

hanging the hasis of the scheme in this way would have a number of implications. The independent schools would have to accept that while other needs were not ruled out, most assisted places would be awarded to children who would not improve the school's position in the league

The LEAs would have to accept that their schools cannot provide for the needs of all their children, something they would not find it easy to do. No one who has not tried to persuade an LEA to make special provision for a child with learning difficulties can have any idea of the lengths to which some LEAs will go to demonstrate that no special provision is

The new scheme would be funded and administered centrally. Someone has to check the child's need and the school's qualifications for meeting it. However difficult that proves, it will be an improvement on the present arrangements, which include no check at all.

As the election approaches the independent sector is lobbying hard for the retention of the scheme. It would be a better strategy to bypass the politicians and to open discussions with the heads of state schools to see whether there is any common ground on reforming the scheme. State school heads were not consulted when the scheme was set up and may now be disinclined to get involved. They may even believe that the abolition of the scheme will reduce the size

of primary school classes.

The members of the National Associ-ation of Head teachers and of the Secondary Heads Association are, however, realists and they share with the heads of independent schools a belief that the needs of the child are paramount. They might also welcome a change that prevented the independent sector poachng scome of their most promising pupils.

## Public schools score own goal

Mark Dickson on the out-of-date prejudices that keep soccer off the independent school syllabus

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t the opening ceremony A of Euro 96 last summer, the role of English public schools in the origins of football was acknowledged and celebrated. The first organised games were played in these schools during the first half of the 19th century, attempts to agree on a common set of rules of the are a game were made by their - representatives in the 15 years -- 1 2:2: before the formation of the Egg: Football Association in 1863.

The game is now the world's most popular sport. And with English football enjoying its most prosperous period for half a century, it is all the more remarkable that many public schools offer their pupils no organised football at all;

About half of the schools in the Headmasters' Conference omit football from the list of sports they play, as revealed in the Independent Schools " Yearbook In Scottish independent schools, the playing of organised soccer is almost un-heard of. The situation in prep schools is only a little better than in the senior schools.

The popularity of football among children seems unquestionable. Is there a playground in the country where . . spontaneous kickabout games are not almost continuous -and not only for boys? Girls football is expanding rapidly. Of course, many schools choose to specialise in other

sports. Nothing wrong with that. Sporting preference is a matter of individual taste. But not to provide any organised football at all - depriving pupils of playing and learning Britain's national sport seems hard for school authorities to justify.

This official disapproval of the national game can trace itsorigins to the rise of professionalism in the years immediately before and after the First World War. Many schools considered that money had hesmirched football, and began playing sports that stayed strictly amateur. In later years there was, unquestionably, an



The "beautiful game", public-school style: a Shrewsbury player, left, heads the ball away from a Malvern College boy

with football not considered a game fit to be played by

Belying this theory, how-ever, some of the country's most famous schools - Charterhouse, Eton, Shrewsbury, Winchester and Westminster, among others - have always stayed true to their footballing

Today the arguments against permitting any football at all seem more and more hard to support. Professionalism has invaded almost every

element of snobbery involved, team game at the top level, thus depriving other sports of any claims to holding the moral high ground. Football is cheap and easy to play, the pupils clearly want to play and, significantly, it is a rela-

> Football has become the world game; there is no country in which a footballer, after leaving school, cannot find a team to join, and few countries in which soccer does not provide the visitor with an interest to share with locals. The Football Association is

clearly eager to help schools to introduce soccer to their timetables. It has published the FA Curriculum Guide, showing how the game can fit into the national curriculum at key

t is hard to understand what reasons schools could give for not offering any football in their sporting curriculums. It is easier to believe that such a policy is motivated primarily by fear that their own favoured sport might be overwhelmed by the popularity of football among

playing soccer.

We all have our own sporting preferences. Different schools will continue to specialise in their own particular sports. I am not trying to argue against that, or to denigrate any other sport. But to deprive pupils of the opportunity of organised participation in Britain's national game seems, nowadays, quite uniustifiable.

The author is master in charge of football at Shrewsbury School.

#### John O'Leary on changes in management teaching

er cannot spare the time to go on long courses at business schools. That would be to admit that his or her organisation can function without his leadership. Aware of this, many

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leading business schools are increasingly concentrating on executive courses. Some have even opened their own hotels to cater for the senior

managers who use the pro-The MBA may still be the symbol of management edu-cation, but for schools such as Cranfield, Henley, London or Manchester, shorter courses are providing a growing proportion of in-come. Often tailored for a particular company, they can be part of a wider package of activities, including research

and consultancy. At Cran-field, for example, executive education now accounts for 55 per cent of income. A E6 million executive centre opened last year with 186 rooms, plentiful leisure facilities and the most modern communications. Professor Leo Murray, head of the school management, says: "The market has been buoyant for some time.

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### **Business** schools aim at the executive

long-lasting agreements. Courses may last from a few days to several weeks, with the longer programmes usually delivered in more than one section. Participants, even for the short courses, come from as far away as Indonesia. Most will fit a course into a longer business trip to British interests.

Henley Management School has also seen big changes in executive education, always an important part of the school portfolio. It can house 120 students in recently upgraded accommo-Gareth Jones, the Profes-

sor of Organisational Development, says: "Executives no longer regard themselves as passive recipients of received wisdom. They have become more sophisticated about what they want from a course, and the relationship is now more of a partnership. 'As a result, the whole role of the business school is

changing. The days are long gone when it was an adjunct of the university, conferring status on managers who would come for two or three months. People cannot afford to be away from their

desks for that long, and the main purpose of the course is to help exec-utives to cope with high rates of change."

Like other schools, Henley is seeing a resurgence of the "open" courses, rather than those tailored to companies. The school offers a halfway house on its Executive MBA programme. Some big companies form consortiums to ensure cross-fertilisation of

ideas within a tightly controlled course. At Manchester Business School, the dividing line between executive education and traditional courses is increasingly blurred. Executives often take single modules of an MBA course. using it as the management component of a specialist

programme. Professor Peter Barrar, the Postgraduate Centre's director, says: "In schools like ours, executive education is the main growth area. The MBA is a very mature market, and the shorter course offers the same level of work with minimal disruption."

Competition among busi ness schools is every bit as fierce as in the MBA market: both American and European schools also concentrate on executive courses. Harvard Business School, for example, has made overhauling its executive programmes a priority since the arrival of a new dean last year, and Insead, the top French school at Fontainebleau, just outside Paris, is also an attractive proposition for British managers.

#### John Gilmore reports on increasing worries in France about safety at school

oncerns about school security in France are growing. A report for the French Education Ministry claims that at one infants and primary school in ten there is a possible fire risk, at a time when French teachers and parents are increasingly worried about classroom and playground violence. They are demanding extra safety measures. The report showed faults in evacua-

tion procedures, poor construction and defective equipment. Stacks of materials littered classes and corridors, adding to the fire risks.

156,000 accidents in 1994-95, and as a result they sent 13,000 children to B hospital, most for less than 48 hours. But 1,500 of those had to stay in hospital for more than two days. Sixteen children died during tuition, six of them while playing sport.

Jean-Marie Schleret, president of the Observatoire National de la Securité des Etablissements Scolaires. said: "We must introduce a culture of improved security and safety in schools." His report pointed out that only 46 per cent of the Fr2.5 billion (about £294 million) allocated by the Government in 1994 over a five-yearplan had been used to improve school

### French lessons with fears

sum of between Fr3 billion and Fr5 billion will be needed.

It is only four months since two French school teenagers died - one accidentally, the other by stabbing -All schools up to hycée level reported within eight days of each other, prompting François Bayroue, the Education Minister, to ask every secondary school to provide him with a report on violence on their premises and ideas on controlling it.

At the Collège Henri Beaumont in the council estate Argentine region of Beauvais, in l'Oise, courses restarted only on December 16 after a month without lessons following an attack on a teacher. Jean-Michel Langlet, a sports teacher, was hit several times in the face by a student during a physical education lesson.

It was too much for anxious parents, teachers and students, who agreed that courses would stop until a proper facilities. It is believed that a further level of protection and order could be

guaranteed. In the first seven days of November, 27 of 219 incidents involved fighting. Teachers at the school claim that lessons were continually disrupted by unruly students and that sometimes only 15 minutes' tuition was possible.

Jean-Claude Ropars, the college principal, said: "We are in the heart of an explosive area of high unemployment. Teachers are not equipped for such social conditions."

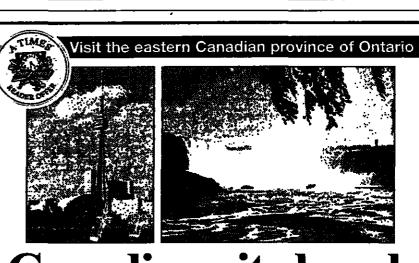
The college reopened the week before Christmas with a strong police presence around the school and 750 of the 850 students attending. The teachers reluctantly started lessons again. The Education Ministry did not not meet all of the protesters' demands, but the college received an extra social assistant and five more security staff. In other schools, similar fears have population are out of work."

led to different action. Last month, parents of students at the Collège Pesquier in the Gardanne Bouchesdu-Rhône region prevented the teachers from entering the school in protest at the lack of surveillance. They demanded more supervisors.

René Salvet, a Paris lecturer, claimed: "There are two difficulties: the social problem of unemployed extended families, in which the adults have no job, and the need to revolutionise the rigid education system. Guy Drut, the Sports Minister, has

tried to change the education system by introducing in 200 regions a new five-day primary school programme of morning academic learning and recreational afternoon activities. The programme is aimed mainly at areas of high unemployment and by 1997 about 200,000 children are expected to

benefit from the system. But the Government's attempts to reduce public spending during the past year have been strongly resisted by the public. Jean Lerange, an analyst, said: "It's a no-win situation. French people want to pay less tax, but do not want anybody tampering with their personal doctor service. Meanwhile, unemployment continues to rise: about 12 per cent of the working



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### Henman continues to impress

By Our Sports Staff

THE excellent start to the new year for Tim Henman continued yesterday in the quarter-finals of the international tournament in Sydney. Henman beat Alex O'Brien, of the United States, 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 to set up a match with Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, for a place in the final of the warmup event for the Australian

Henman looked far from convincing against O'Brien in the early stages, losing his first service and winning just one game in the opening set. But Henman's serve improved considerably in the second set. as he moved into a 5-2 lead, only to be broken again and to miss a set point as O'Brien fought back to 6-b. But the Briton took the tie-break 7-3 before winning the deciding

Steffi Graf said yesterday that she will be fit to challenge for a fifth Australian Open title. The world No I has missed the past two Australian Opens because of injury. Graf. the favourite for the tournament starting next week in the absence of Monica Seles, said: "I have practised a lot over the last few days and I am ready."

After a tiring flight from Doha, where Henman lost in the final of the Qatar Open to Jim Courier, there were fears that playing in Sydney would see an early exit for Henman as he prepared for the Australian Open. But his performances in the tournament to date have suggested other-wise. Henman has now beaten Renzo Furlan, of Italy. Sergi Bruguera, the former French Open champion from Spain, and O'Brien - himself a man rising in the world

"I have played quite a few games in the last few weeks but I still feel full of energy." Henman said. "I am definitely feeling fitter and moving a lot better around the court. I was mainly concerned with preparations for the Australian Open, which starts on

Monday, I only hope I can continue with my form so far." Mark Cox, the former British No I, paid tribute yesterday to Henman's progress. "He has a tremendous future.

What impresses me most is that he has an inner belief in his own abilities." Cox said. "He's a player with immense. natural talent and has the capacity to play the big points well. One of his goals. I know, for 1997 was to get to a final. and by doing so in the Qatar Open he has had a good start."

Henman was rated No 24 in the latest ATP world rankings, but his victory over O'Brien should see that improve further. Cox, who carried the mantle of the leading British player between 1908 and 1976, added: "Now he's really well up there and is capable of beating any player in the world. He is on a learning curve and every match is a new experience for him. He's developing physically all the time and has now developed more muscle and real power."

Ivanisevic will pose a bigger test for the 22-year-old Briton, looking comfortable in disposing of Sandon Stolle, of Australia, in straight sets yesterday, 0-4, 6-2. The other semi-final will be contested by two Spaniards, Carlos Moya and Alberto Costa, who both won in straight sets yesterday. In the women's event,

Martina Hingis, of Switzer-land, and Jennifer Capriati continued their winning ways. Hingis, the No 2 seed, survived a scare in the first set against Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, before advancing with a 7-6, p-1 victory, while Capriati. of the United States. extended her winning streak with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over her compatriot. Amy Frazier. The United States are well represented in the semi-finals. with Mary Joe Fernandez and Lindsay Davenport both win-

ning yesterday.

Three British players, Andrew Richardson, Mark Petchey and Jamie Delgado, all won their first-round matches in the qualifying competition for the Australian Open in Melbourne.

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Henman serves on his way to victory over O'Brien in Sydney yesterday

#### Australian officials put trust in rankings

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

**AUSTRALIAN Open officials** have stuck fairly rigidly to the world rankings in naming their seedings, avoiding a repeat of the controversy that affected the US Open last year. Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf were yesterday named No 1 seeds in the singles competitions of the year's first grand-slam event, starting at Melbourne Park on Monday. The draw will be made today. Unlike at the US Open and Wimbledon, where officials also consider a player's record on grass, the Australian Open has a tradition of relying on official world rankings in deciding seedings. Indeed, in the men's singles, the top six seedings replicate the Associ-

Michael Chang, who lost to Boris Becker in four sets in the final last year, is the No 2 seed, with Goran Ivanisevic seeded third ahead of the French Open champion. Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Becker is seeded sixth, true to his ranking, one place behind Thomas Muster.

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It was Muster who accused US Open officials of manipulating the draw and seedings when they departed from the usual format last year. The reaction from Muster and other players prompted officials to take the unprecedented step of scrapping the men's draw and starting again from scratch.

In the women's singles. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, has been named the No 2 seed after the withdrawal of Monica Seles with a

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Lindsay gets on course for senior Tote role

Christopher Irvine reports on the rugby

league executive with plans for horse racing

resign as chief executive of the Rugby Football League (RFL). a position he has held since November 1992, should his candidature for chairmanship of the Tote, the governmentbacked pool-betting organisation, be successful. He would however probably re-tain his chairmanship of the Super League International

Until now, Lindsay's passion for racing has come second to that for rugby league. Were he to jump horses, the Tote could anticipate the same zealous reform that has modernised rugby league under his dynamic and, on occasions, controver-

sial stewardship.
In the event of his departure, the domestic game would be left in a healthier financial state, largely as a result of the £87 million Super League deal that he helped to negotiate. David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, and Gary Hetherington, his recently appointed opposite number at Leeds, could be among contenders for the vacancy.

Lindsay, 55, was apparently invited to apply for the Tote position in succession to Lord Wyatt, of Weeford. He is a leading choice among nine candidates and is flattered by the interest. To even be considered among such eminent company is a recognition of rugby league's development over the past ten years," he said. "Right now, I'm concentrating on the world club competition this summer and the international Board meet-ing at the end of the month." His readiness to leave the RFL - I would face an awfully difficult decision," he admitted - could be interpreted as knowing when to move on. Lindsay is a shrewd opera-

tor and the timing is apt, when

Rugby League (Europe)

MAURICE LINDSAY would RLE - the new marketing organisation set up by the 12 Super League clubs, is assuming some of the RFL's duties and actually sharing some staff in Leeds.

Delegating responsibility is not a strength of Lindsay; undaunted, one-man leadership is. The Tote is ripe for reform: as rugby league was when Lindsay took control from David Oxley, his urbane predecessor, after an ac-claimed 13 years at Wigan. Lindsay was portrayed as villain for trying to sell off the game's heritage in the switch to summer and advent of the Super League, but there was to be no turning back. Personality clashes within

the game have led Lindsay to appear isolated at times, but even his critics bow to his fighting qualities. He has raised the game's profile - but also damaged it. His instruc-tion to send home 12 players halfway through Great Brit-ain's tour of New Zealand last October before consulting the team management was a demoralising episode.

The £75,000-a-year Tote position is for 312 days a week. Lindsay said that, whatever happened, he would not turn his back on rugby league. At international level, his role is deemed too important for him to depart, with the 22-team world dub competition starting in June, and the first Great Britain v Australia series under the Super League banner, in November.

Lindsay is due to have his first meeting next Monday with Colin Myler, the new RLE chief executive, whose role on behalf of the Super League clubs is to market, promote and sell the game. It is important for both men to forge a productive relationship — but there is now a hiatus while Lindsay is considered for the new post.

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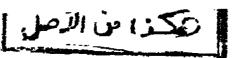
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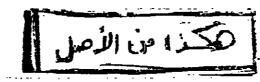
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Then, the expansion teams

were allowed double the number of picks of the established clubs in the college draft that April, the annual gold mine of leading young talent available to the NFL. The

Panthers and the Jaguars

were even allowed the first two

picks in all seven rounds. In

addition to these benefits, both

teams had an advantage on

expansion clubs of previous years because of the new system of free agency in the

NFL, which allows players to

move on to another club at the

While the established teams

could not extract the maxi-

mum advantage from this

system, because paying many

of the new players' wages might take them over the

salary cap they are allocated by the league, the Jaguars and the Panthers had much more

leeway to sign free agents because they did not have

existing players bringing them close to their wages limit. Last season, that allowed

the Panthers, for instance, to

'It would be like

two unseeded

players reaching

at Wimbledon'

as Kevin Greene away from

the Super Bowl runners-up, Pittsburgh Steelers, to the

Ericsson Stadium. In Jackson-

ville, the recruitment of play-

ers of a similarly high quality to go with the cast-offs has

resulted in all home matches

being sold out three years in

The creation of both teams,

the acceptance of their bids by the NFL, offers more evidence

that the centre of gravity in the

United States is moving south. In the 1990 census of the 20

fastest-growing metropolitan

areas with more than a million

people, 19 were in the south and west.

Perhaps Charlotte may not be every American's idea of an NFL city — "if New York is the

city hat never sleeps," a:

professor at the University of

North Carolina said, "Char-lotte is the town that never

wakes" — but together with

Leon Searcy, an offensive

Jacksonville, it is fast proving

tackle with the Jaguars,

caught the mood. The motto

around here," he said, "is why

the doubters wrong.

**SPORTS LETTERS** 

the final

end of their contract.

### Oliver Holt on how the Panthers and Jaguars took American football by storm

Novelty acts who have fast become top cats

was like to be part of a Dhenomenon. I wanted to know if what I had heard was true: that more than 40,000 people had left their homes in the small North Florida city in the early hours of last Sunday morning to make their way to the Municipal Stadium and

welcome home their Jaguars. She said that the reports were right. She knew because she had driven her teenage children to the stadium at about lipm, after they had watched the Jaguars, a team months ago, stun the nation by beating Denver Broncos to move within one victory of an appearance in the Super Bowl

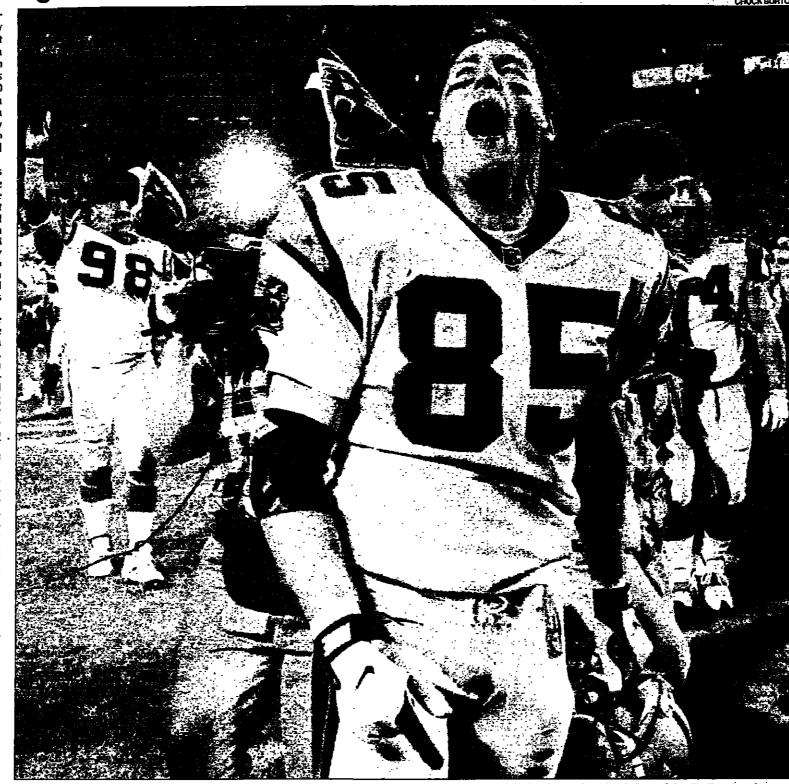
They waited there for more than three hours until the players arrived back from Colorado. The head coach. Tom Coughlin, made a speech. So, too, did the quarterback, Mark Brunell, and the team's leading running back, Natrone Means. The next day, the Florida Times-Union devoted its front page to the 30-27 victory, the coming of age. "They're for real," the headline screamed.

Everyone in America knows they are for real, now. Suddenly, a nation that is gripped by Super Bowl fever every January is facing up to the possibility that not only might Jacksonville be in the sport's showpiece event, but that they might also be facing Carolina Panthers, the other new team who skipped into the National Football League (NFL) in the autumn of 1995.

The Panthers unleashed their own tide of "Panthermonium" when they dethroned the Super Bowl champions, Dallas Cowboys, in Charlotte last Sunday. If they beat Green Bay Packers Sunday and the Jaguars conquer New England Patriots in Massachusetts on the same day, the unthinkable will have

Unthinkable because it is like trying to imagine the 1998 FA Carling Premiership title being won by a football team that has no place in one's consciousness today. The closest parallels, perhaps, are Wimbledon winning the FA Cup in 1988 and Blackburn Rovers' resuscitation culminating in their Premiership triumph in 1995.

Neither achievement. though, comes anywhere near the speed of progress made by the Jaguars and the Panthers, and all in one of the most commercially driven leagues



Wesley Walls, the Panthers tight end, voices his delight as a night of celebration begins in Charlotte after the defeat of the Dallas Cowboys

demanded \$140 million entrance fees from both of its new boys when they boosted the league of 28 teams to 30.

When this season started, the Panthers were listed at 75-1 to win the Super Bowl and the Jaguars at 150-1. Now, as the Los Angeles Times said last week, they are "in position to become one of sport's all-time novelty acts", a bit like two lowly, unseeded players contesting the men's final at Wimbledon or two rank outsiders racing neck-and-neck for the line in the Derby.

"Carolina would be a sevenpoint favourite," Bob Scucci, the sports manager at the Stardust Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, said of a match between them. "But betting would be down. We get a lot of action on proposition bets, like John Elway throwing for 300 yards or Michael Irvin making ten catches, but it's kind of tough when you don't know

who even plays for these

In New Orleans, the host committee is getting a little nervous. The romance of a Carolina-Jacksonville match is one thing, but the organisers estimate that a Denver versus Dallas encounter would have brought up to 100,000 more fans to the city just to savour the atmosphere rather than actually attend the game in the Superdome.

NFL officials, though, are

cock-a-hoop. In a league where parity is striven for unceasingly, they have upped their game considerably since the last time expansion teams were introduced, in 1977, In their second season, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, one of the new teams, won only two of

their 14 games. The success of the Jaguars and the Panthers, a team who even denied San Francisco 49ers their traditional National Football Conference

From Mr Richard Penney

Sir. The anticipated demands

for more changes in the struc-

tures and systems governing

English cricket have followed

the failures of the English

team in Zimbabwe as surely

as night follows day. It seems

to have been forgotten that the England A team has just

returned from a highly suc-

cessful tour of Australia, while

the England Under-19 team has aquitted itself well in

Pakistan. Both these teams

were organised and selected

by the same individuals, with-

in the same systems, as the

From this distance short-

comings in team management generally and player motiva-

to the disappointing English performance in Zimbabwe.

However, the extent of the

disappointment was a direct

result of gross over-confidence

beforehand in the ability of

this English team to outplay

The sad truth is surely that,

with Atherton in such poor

form, none of the current

English team (with the oos-

sible, ironic exception of the

rejected Russelli would even

be considered for a World XI

or even a World Second XI.

For the time being, the Eng-

lish cricket team is strictly

second division in the interna-

tional context. If this English

team draws the imminent

away series against New Zea-

land, it will have done well.

Being optimistic, the recent

leats of the A team and the

under-19 players should augur

well for the future prospects of

English Test cricket, provided

Zimbabwe in Zimbabwe.

senior team.

western division title this season, is a tribute to the way the league eased the new boys in and allowed them to compete with the pillars of the ancien régime

The process began in February 1995, seven months before both teams were due to take the field for the first time. The 28 existing clubs were ordered to submit a list of six veteran players each for selection to the expansion teams, who were required to pick a total of

#### **Gresley try** to link up with the **County set**

By RICHARD HOBSON AND WALTER GAMMIE

THE Baseball Ground, home of Derby County since 1895, could stage non-League foot-ball next season after a plea from nearby Gresley Rovers to use the stadium temporarily. Rovers, who reside about 15 miles away, are four points clear at the top of the Dr Martens League premier division with two games in hand and appear to be cruising towards a place in the Vauxhall Conference

Next month they unveil plans for a new ground, but while work might be completed in time for the 1997-98 season, it will not be ready by the Conference's April 1 deadline for inspection. Derby, themselves, move to new headquarters at the end of the present season and are likely to maintain the Baseball

Ground for reserve matches. Gresley, managed by Paul Futcher and his assistant, Garry Birtles, the former England striker, withdrew their original bid to join the Conference when they were told that a move into Derby represented a breach of rules. Since then it has emerged that the Conference will accept Brighton and Hove Albion, who are League third division, even if the South Coast club are sharing with Gillingham, as is probable.

However, John Moules, the Conference secretary, said that ground-share schemes have to be in place a year before applications to join, but that a separate agreement commits the Conference to take the bottom club in the third division if the Nationwide League accepts the Conference champions.

Graham Westley, who had his leg broken and his ankle dislocated when leading the returned to football as the

Westley, 28, is manager of a thriving organisation called Aimita — Attitude is more Important than ability - and has put similar energy into his new position. He has brought in Graham

Pearce, the former Enfield manager, as his coach, Jim Brown, with whom he formed a prolific goalscoring partnership for Kingstonian in 1988, and Ron Berry, former physiotherapist at Queens Park Rangers, to breathe new life into the club.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

One of the more difficult plays in the game is to lead into a tenace to give your partner a ruff, hoping that you will later make a trick in the suit with your high card. An example cropped up in the 1995 Malta International Pairs

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#### Contract: Three Hearts by South.

Playing five-card majors and a strong no-trump, North opened One Diamond, East overcalled One Spade, and I bid Two Hearts. West passed and North raised conserva-

tively to Three Hearts. West led the ace and king of diamonds. I ruffed and played a heart to the queen and ace. East took the acc of hearts and returned a heart. The rest was straightforward - I won the heart in dummy, ruffed dummy's third diamond in hand, took three rounds of clubs and played a spade to the ten When East won she either had in lead into the acc-queen of spades or give a rull and diseard. So at least I made tentricks, though most declarers made the same ten tricks in Four Hearts.

#### Lead: ace of diamonds

I hape you can see the defence to hold the declarer to nine tricks. East must play a spade after winning the ace of hearts. West ruffs, and East still comes to the king of spades. I think East might find this defence. As East has bid spades, if West had a spade he surely would have led one through the ace-queen when he held the first trick

The 1007 Malia Festival will be played in Silema from February 15 to 21 Details from Mario Dix on 00356 330%D0, fax 00356 373683.

☐ Refresher articles will resume in a couple of weeks. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### **WORD-WATCHING**

#### By Philip Howard

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a. To snigger
b. A bothy
c. An equine

PALINOIA a. Memory b. Repetition

c. Italian lace

UROPYGIUM a. A bird's bottom b. Euro boredom GOSSOON a. Young man b. A divine bird

c. To weave silk

Answers on page 42

see in?



#### CHESS CORRESPONDENT

#### Hastings round-up

Today concludes my reports on the annual Hastings Chess Congress, the premier fournament of which has traditionally been the UK's strongest chess tournament since its inception in 1895

By RAYMOND KEENE

The second tournament at Hastings known as the challengers section, feeds qualifiers through to the fifth wing year's Premier. This year, the challengers section was wor in a late turn by the Lithuanian grandmaster light Raissa In so done he exertised the early leader from British the raily leader from British in the raily leader. champen James Flayeett as well triangular James Project as well as suppossing Luke McShane, the 13-year-old British product, and the former challenger for the social charmonishin. Museume David

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#### Hospital fund-raising

On Saturday March 22, I will take on all-comers in a simultaneous to take place in the heardroom of St George's Hospital, Tooting, Londun SW17. The goal is to raise funds for the St George's Hospital Hold My Hand appeal which aims to roise £1 million for their Chil-drin's Intensive Care Unit, Details and entry forms are available from Lucy de Ville. The Appeal Office, St Control Hospital (tel: 0181-728)

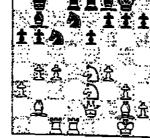
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### the team selection, manage-

White to play. This position is: from the game Pagorelov -Lopez Rodriguez Castellen 1965. It looks as if we might be in for a slow positional struggle, but White swiftly concluded the game in his favour with a fine combination. Can you

Solution on page 42

By Raymond Keene



#### Productive deal

From Mr Geoff Douglass Sir. In these days of performance-related pay deals, how many employers offer such luctrative contracts as the Football Association?

After being appointed its echnical director, Howard Wilkinson said on radio:

### ment and captaincy is suffi-ciently intelligent and inspira-tional. Further tinkering with the structures of the English first-class game will be, at

best, an irrelevancy. Yours sincerely, RICHARD PÉNNEY, Barrington Cottage, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh, From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, There can be no doubt that too professional sportsmen are working in a privileged situation. How many people, at the higher end of their profession, could get away with a public admission such as Michael Atherton's, that: "I've not been playing for working for the rest of us well

for a year now, and there are technical problems to address Most people in a normal job could expect the brown envelope if they had worked as badiy as that.

ALAN CHALLONER. 13 The Village, Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire. From Mr Angus Irvine Sir. The decline of England's cricket has been inevitable ever since our local education

Yours faithfully

authorities decided, some 15 years ago, to discourage competitive sports, particularly cricket, in state schools and, where possible, to sell off the school playing fields to developers. At the present time these

policies are occsionally reersed, often with the help of Lottery grants towards plant and equipment. But, by and large, today's children do not

"We've got a very good set-up at the moment. What we need is that extra two per cent." £200,000 a year and all you have to do is get a two per cent productivity improvement. Not a bad deal! Yours faithfully GEOFF DOUGLASS.

3 Gilmore Close.

Ickenham, Middlesex.

#### Optimism for future of English cricket on the ocean have the opportunity to play games at school, as previous

generations were able to do. Every one of us who is interested in the future success of the England cricket team, and in the characterforming benefits of young people being allowed to play sports at school, should take every opportunity to urge school governors to lift these unkind restrictions. At the same time the Government must prohibit the sale of any

I remain, Sir, your obedient ANGUS IRVINE, Nil Farm,

more school playing fields.

Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.

From Col J. H. McGuinness Sir. As one who has had no interest in professional sport for 60 years, I was fascinated to hear that a chicken farmer took a hat-trick against England (report, January 4). Is there, perhaps, a case for bringing back a few Gentle-men to join the Players in the England side?

Yours faithfully JAMES MCGUINNESS. Pen-y-Bont Fach, Cynwyd, Conwen. Denbighshire.

From Mr Gavin Chayce Sir. Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Moore et al ... Most sports fans of a certain age can recite by heart the names of the only England football team to win

the World Cup.
Will today's sports fans
come to remember the following list with similar awe and affection: Goods, Atherton, Hick, Thorpe, Fairbrother, Crawley, Rhodes, Gough, DeFreitas, Udal and Ben-

They are, of course, the members of the side which, on a never to be forgotten day in January 1995 at Brisbane, became the only English cricket team ever to win an international cricket match (Test or one-day) against Zimbabwe. Yours faithfully, GAVIN CHOYCE.

19 Kildare Terrace, W2.

### **Boats at risk**

#### From Mr Bill Finnis

Sir, I could scarcely believe my eyes when I saw the picture of a capsized yacht in the Southern Ocean on the front page (January 7). How could any-one in their right mind go to sea in such a vessel? A sixtyfoot long "dinghy" that was barely safe to sail on a park lake, an almost non-existent keel, an unsupported rudder and five tons of water as movable ballast.

The utterly unsuitable hull shape should never have been taken to sea, the keel is part of the (to my mind) unseaworthy hull design, and unsupported rudders are notorious for snapping off, even in the seas around the British Isles.

If this boat was taken aback, and this is not unusual when ocean sailing, the water ballast would have shifted to the lower side and, with the help of the wind on the wrong side of the sails and the hull shape, the boat would have had no choice but to capsize whether the skipper was asleep or awake - and he could have done nothing to stop it.

For many years there have been thousands of yachties quietly crossing oceans and getting there safely under their own steam. They, too. met excessive winds and seas, but they set out in properly equipped boats designed to go to sea and cause no problems for others to clear up. Not for them the expensive searches by merchant shipping, naval vessels and aircraft and all done without the ballyhoo that accompanies these ocean racing characters. -

Yours sincerely, BILL FINNIS Tamariu Kirby Cross

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**National** 

Hunt on

course for

return

TURF racing is set to

resume at Musselburgh

today provided the course ses a 7.30am inspec-

tion. Frost and snow have

prevented National Hunt

action since Musselburgh's fixture on Decem-

ber 27 and, although the same track suffered a late

abandonment last Satur-

day, clerk of the course, Mark Kershaw, is confident today's fixture will

"It has been raining today, we haven't had any frost and the course is raceable with the tempera-

ture rising to 4C," he said.

"But there is a slight frost

forecast for tonight with

the temperature expected to rise to 3-4C during the

TOMORROW'S MEETINGS LINGRIELD PARKS of weather

NEWCASTLE: good to soft thooseful

day. Bearing in mind what

happened last Saturday.

we will hold an inspection

At Ascot, clerk of the

course, Nick Cheyne, held

two inspections of the track today, but on each

occasion returned with

bad news. Cheyne called

off today's card after

checking the course at

8am, then ahandoned to-

morrow's Victor Chandler

card after a 3pm ins-

fell to frost after an inspec-

tion this afternoon, but the

prospects for tomorrow's

card at Newcastle look

bright. "We could have

raced today and, provided

the weather stays as it is,

we should be all right," a

course spokeswoman said.

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five races live from Wol-

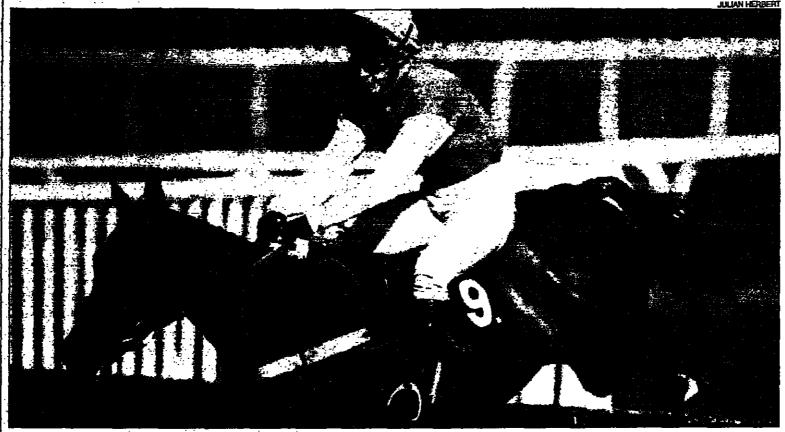
verhampton's all-weather

fixture tomorrow.

Warwick tomorrow also

WOLVERHAMPTON: all-weather.

### Carl Evans on a point-to-point season whose attractions will be brought to television



Curling, three times a national point-to-point riders' champion, shows the style she hopes will regain her the title from Dare

## Screen test confirms appeal

The annual adventure of the point-to-point season is likely to have to wait another week before the tapes rise. The fixtures at Larkhill tomorrow and Cottenham on Sunday have fallen to frost, while icy Tweseldown inspects at noon today. There is little likelihood of a rise in temperature sufficient to thaw the turf. The pity about the loss of Larkhill's Army meeting is that it would have greeted the first live television coverage of point-to-pointing. The Racing Channel was to broadcast six races, a glowing tribute to a sport which is slowly shedding its image as a bit of

farmland fun.
Farmers still gain huge pleasure in taking part but Walter Dennis did not win the Hennessy Gold Cup with Coome Hill by using him to round up sheep. When it comes to training and riding a thorough preparation is needed nowadays, and the modern point-to-point yard invariably is aware

of Martin Pipe's methods.

The Racing Channel planned to cover four meetings this season and will be back at Larkhill on February 1.

It is hard to predict what effect The Racing Channel's involvement will have on this supremely uncomplicated amateur sport, but it would be sad if

video tape leads to red tape. One possible scenario, if television coverage is increased, is the introduction of overnight declarations, letting armchair viewers know who is taking part. The sport will look silly if a broadcaster's welcoming address in-cludes the line. Fantus is the star today, but we don't know if he's

Horses are declared to run up to 45 minutes before the off, a charmingly simple way of doing things, but for how much longer? And overnight declarations would enable off-course Television does provide a carrot to

sponsors. The parcel carriers, Interlink Express, and the stockbrokers, Greig Middleton, who are each to sponsor a series of races, were made aware of the coming cameras. Unhappily, Land Rover's one chance to be on relevision tomorrow has succumbed to the

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12.55 LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

Among competitors some bright new talent is pushing for the top, albeit towards an uncertain future. A General Election will take place during this season and a Labour Government would allow a free vote on hunting. A ban would wipe away the roots of the

The investment in hunting and all its related aspects - feed, farriers, saddlers and so on — is huge, while point-to-pointing's fiscal role also grows rapidly. For investors, all-weather gallops seem a commodity to be in and most big yards now have one, or access to one. Bert Lavis, the trainer, loves working his horses on the beach near Haverfordwest but with 20 horses in training he was forced to install an allweather surface last summer as a

labour-saving device. The Welshman is ready to power Jamie Jukes to his second title and the combination could reign supreme with the likes of Cedar Square and Northern Bluff in their squad. Pip Jones has sound prospects of making it a double for Wales by taking the women's title although her best horse, Handsome Harvey, is sidelined by injury. The mare who took his title last season as the most successful pointer. Phar Too Touchy, will find life tougher in hunter chases but her Devon-based trainer, Victor Dartnall, can seemingly do little

wrong.

Dick Baimbridge has been around a little longer and he and Alison Dare were an unbeatable duo last year when she gained her sixth national title. Richard Barber and Caroline Saunders always have good horses to call upon. Fantus, the 1995 Cheltenham Foxhunters' winner, is back with Barber after a year off and the yard has some very good riders too, notably Polly Curling and Tim Mitchell, and the much-acclaimed youngster Joe Tizzard. Shropshire-based Sheila Crow relies mainly on son Alastair to ride her team of about 25 horses.

Many of the top hunter chasers are sidelined, including Ireland's Elegant Lord, although Flashing Steel will take some stopping now he is in this sphere. Britain's best hope of holding him at bay could be Master Kit, trained in Fife by farmer Jeremy Billinge.

#### 1997 FIXTURES

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☐ The British Horseracing Board yesterday announced a second batch of replacement fixtures to compensate for recent abandonments: January 30, Folkestone; 31, Taunton; February 1. Stratford; 6, Kelso; 7, Towcester; 13, Catterick; 14 Newcastle.

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### Embattled England coach stands by his gung-ho approach despite media ridicule

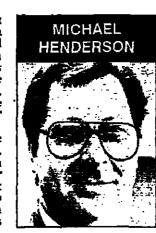
## Time running out for Lloyd to revive England

partot, asks its price. Ten quid," the shop owner says. As he reaches for his wallet, the customer sees another bird, with a fine beak and blue eathers. "That one's twenty," the owner says.

How much is that one there? the customer asks, pointing out a bald parrot with faded colours. "One hundred." "How on earth do you work that out? he says. Well, to you and me, he looks a bit of a mess. But all the other birds

call him boss: David Lloyd has heard funnier jokes in his time and, as a notable after-dinner speaker. he has told a good few. The boot is on the other foot now. England's cricketers, who began their tour of New Zealand this week, have been battered by the ferocious winds of media scorn and it is his job as coach to help to win back the public's trust. Even for one of life's optimists it is a

Ask if he still enjoys the job after enduring the abuse heaped upon himself in Zimbabwe and he answers: "Love it". But he is no fool. "I understand that we have a long way to go, and there will be some casualties along the



meets a motivator taking heavy flak

that if England play as wretch-edly as they did before Christ-His phrase, "we murdered retract a syllable. If anything

goal in the last minute then

mas, he will be one of the first. them", muttered in the aftermath of the drawn Test in Bulawayo, when England finished level on runs, has already become part of English sporting folklore. He does not repine, and sees no reason to he has become more emphatic, and will carry on banging the drum for his players. 'I'm a Manchester United fan and if we win 1-0 with a

Russell and Lloyd check batting technique on playback

I come from nobody bats an eyelid if you say that. I could easily have said we were in a position of some strength' but I'm not like that I know the English have a history of the stiff upper lip, but it's not for me. Part of my job is to get a team that plays with passion and fervour for the country, not to do a job of work. Now, what people make of that doesn't worry me at all. My bosses had a quiet word with me in Harare, which turns out to be 'a threat of the sack'. I read one report that said I had to be restrained in the Zimbabwe dressing-room, which was libellous. I wasn't even

Like everybody else connected with the England camp he thinks the players cop too much of a bagging from the written media. "You could fill up newspapers with stories of what editors get up to," he said. "The disappointing thing is that former England players jump on the bandwagon when they know exactly what the problems are with English cricket, and what has to be done. I say, 'keep your mouth shut and get on the golf

'We are a great nation for ridiculing ourselves, and I know what some of the reporters have to write. Some write have no problem with most of them as people but please don't ask me to spend Christmas with them at a panto. I had no say in the decision not to attend that do [the press revuel. It was the players.

"I want us to scrap, and fight, and turn games round. I had a little spat with a bloke after the Test in Bulawayo, but was nothing more than a spat. Now I understand that I can't do that. I have not caused offence to him but I understand that I have to apologise. We shook hands afterwards, and he gave me a tie. All right, I will have to be more careful, but I'm not going to change too

A large part of his job, he says, is to "educate" the players. England have played some decent cricket in recent years but, when a Test match lies in the balance, awaiting its defining moment, it is rarely an England player that claims the initiative. "We must start to eradicate the bad day, like the first day at Headingley last summer, and then the bad session," he said. "But to be competitive at Test level, and to give our cricketers every



Lloyd, with back to camera, finds the England players an attentive audience as he outlines the way ahead after net practice in Auckland

chance to succeed, we have to restrict our domestic cricket. Our players do not play more Tests than many others but, with the county commitments tween Tests and one-day internationals, they are worked harder and longer than other players.

Whenever I saw Wasim Akram [the Pakistan captain] before a Test match last summer, I would ask him 'where have you been? and he would

say 'I've not been playing cricket'. He was resting, and so was Wagar Younis. Our three leading pace bowlers missed parts of last season because they had injuries. This is one result of asking them to bowl like men when they are really just boys."

Younger men will get international chances earlier in future for, as Lloyd says, county cricket is We took Owais

Shah to Zimbabwe last winter with the under-19 team when he was 17, and he made 139 in seven hours in that heat and altitude, which suggests he has some pedigree.

"He played only four or five

championship matches for Middlesex and when we rang up his parents to check his availability for this winter they thought we meant he would be going on another under-19 tour. Alex Tudor, the young

bowler at Surrey, wasn't fit but if he had been the least he could have expected was a chance with the A team. Chris Silverwood has made his Test debut after one full season of

Lloyd met Lord MacLaurin. the new chairman of the English Cricket Board, in Zimbabwe and found him "all right", which is a compliment in Accrington. "I found him blinkered, by which I mean

county cricket."

that he knows what he wants. He will support us but he wants something to show for that support in our perfor-

So his new year hopes are giving a more consistent level of performance, showing pride in playing for England, and starting to win Test matches and one-day internationals. It has been rammed home to us in the last month how important that is."

**BOWLS** 

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#### **RUGBY UNION: ILLNESS DEPRIVES JENKINS OF FULL BACK ROLE FOR WALES**

## Thomas comes in from cold

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEIL JENKINS, the Pontypairs title pridd stand-off half due to play full back for Wales against United States tomor-By DAVID RITYS JONES row, has been forced to with-JOHN BELL, of Cumbria. draw. Jenkins has been suffering from influenza and produced the perfect answer to the English indoor bowls sehis place will be taken by lectors, who left him out of the Justin Thomas, Jonathan Dainternational trial last Sunvies joins the replacements. day, when he and Mary Price, Thomas has won eight caps

but has taken time to adjust of the Desborough club, in Maidenhead, won the Merryafter moving from Llanelli to lands International mixed Cardiff, conceding the natpairs title in Sydney yesterday. ional position first to Wayne Proctor and, after his injury, to Bell, a jovial man off the green but a fierce competitor Jenkins, who is Wales' leading points-scorer. The Eagles, on it, stopped short of thumbmeanwhile, introduce one ing his nose at the English officials he recently criticised newcomer for their first meetso harshly but, aware that he ing with Wales since 1987. had made his point, he was Brian Hightower will play on bubbling with enthusiasm for

the event, the format, and the rinks at the Merrylands club - one of only three indoor clubs in Australia. "It's the best indoor green Twe ever played on," he said.
"Ours in Carlisle is excellent, but this is even better, with all eight rinks running identically. It's even more remarkable. because the Australians do not

have much experience at laying indoor greens." Price is recovering from operations on her knees but the women's national outdoor singles champion stood up well to her task, as the English pair qualified in second place in the ten-team round robin, then moved up a gear in the

semi-finals yesterday. Beating Dorothy Roche and Sam Laguzza, of New South Wales, 18-9, they took on Edda Bonuno, of Queensland, and Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, in the final, and struck a telling blow when they claimed a six on the tenth end. Leading 16-15 after 14, they still needed a score on the last end, but a double saw them home. Amy Gowshall, 17, of Grimsby, who has skipped for England juniors for three seasons on grass, will lead a rink in the first ever under-25 indoor international between England and Wales at Mal-

vern tomorrow week.

first-choice hooker and last played against Dax in the he has been told that further wear and tear to his neck. damage to which forced him to take a year out from the sport, could increase the risk. flanker and captained England Under-21 from that pos-

ition but aware that he was hooking," he said.

the left wing. Gareth Adams, the hooker who toured Australia with England A in 1995 after playing for Bath in the Pilkington Cup final that year, has been advised to retire. A neck injury has been deemed sufficiently serious that, were he to continue playing rugby, he could

student at Bath University, began this season as his club's Heineken Cup in October. But He started his career as a

built on the small side, moved to hooker in the hope of advancing his career. "Even hefore I changed position I knew I had a weakness to one side of my body but I wouldn't have done all I have done in rugby if I had not switched to Bath, weather permitting, will play Harlequins at the

Stoop Memorial Ground in the Courage Clubs Championship tomorrow, a match in which the London club are unable to field Gary Connolly. The Wigan centre, who is due to return to rugby league after this weekend, has a knee injury, so Robbie Paul will partner Will Carling and Jim Staples makes a welcome return at full back after recover-

ing from a broken jaw sustained at Bath a month ago. However, Leicester's hones of giving Joel Stransky, their South African signing at stand-off half. a league debut at Northampton have been put on ice; the weather has given Stransky no opportunity either to play a second-XV game or to train effectively with his new colleagues and he may now have to wait until next month, though he will be among the replacements for

the game tomorrow. A back injury to Rob Liley has cleared up and he retains the position, and will do so in the build-up towards the Heineken Cup final, against Brive, on January 25, for which Stransky is ineligible. However, an ankle injury to Leon Lloyd gives Rory Underwood a further opportunity to press his claims for a place in the cup linal.

Wasps, due to play Bristol, will be without Damian Hopley for the rest of the season. The powerful centre, capped three times by Eng-land, has required a second operation on the knee he damaged playing sevens in Hong Kong last March: he

may be able to start training once more in March, but cannot play until next season. which will also prevent him helping in the defence of England's World Cup sevens title in two months' time.

UNITED STATES: M Williams (Gortiomen of Aspon); V Anaboni (Yankess), R Yandisi (Lifo Colege), M Schaurenberg (Rescheg), B Hightower (Gortiomen of Aspon); M Alexander (Deriver Barbarians), A Bachelet (Readon)); R Lehner (Blackheath), T Billiape (Bachesth), B LoClero (Gentlemen of Aspon), D Lyle (Bath, captain), C Vogi (Bindoond), A Parker (Gentlemen of Aspon), R Lumkong (Portypnodd), J Willerson (Belmond Shore) □ Nine years after he last

played for Scotland in the five nations' championship, Alan Tait yesterday began his rug-by union rehabilitation when he was selected yesterday for the A team to play Wales at Goldenacre a week today (Mark Souster writes). Tait, 32, returned from rugby league with Leeds this sumleague with Leeds this summer to join the growing Scottish contingent at Newcastle. SCOTLAND A: D Lee (Wassonars); J Craig (Wost of Scotland). A Telt (Newcastle). P Russe (Dunder HSFP). C Glesgow (Heriot's). D Hodge (Watsonars), A Nicol (Bull): G Grahum (Newcastle), S Brotherstone (Netose). P Wight (Melose). E Peters (Bain). S Campbell (Melose). E Grahum (Newcastle) (Melose). S Granus (Watsonars). S Holmes (Long) (Melose). S Garines (Watsonars). J Wester (Mansonars). J Wester (Mansonars). J Menson (String County), G Bulloch (West of Scotland)



### Elite of eight clubs may provide way forward

Wales this season is to conclude that there is no shortage of talent. It may well be, as the matches against English teams have proved, that individual clubs may lack the strength in depth, but this is not to say there is insufficient talent to sustain a full list of clubs in

Wales's first division. With the success of the European competition, there is more reason than ever to strengthen the domestic competition. Unlike many English clubs who have the option to employ expensive imports, the Welsh dubs have to rely on home grown talent. There may have to be a change in strategic thinking to provide the opportunities to bring out the best in

In future the number of clubs may not add up to the present 12. But there is capacity for eight, which in fact is the way it used to be. Long

before the league system existed, in the days of unofficial championships and merit tables, this figure represented the approximate number of strong clubs who provided the stiff contests within Wales. It is now a matter of consolidating where those traditional strengths lay.

Bearing in mind that the spread of clubs does not stretch much beyond the 80-mile coastal plain from Newport to Llanelli, this figure is hardly likely to change. It is to be regretted that, during the past six years, no new strong clubs have emerged north of this line.

Nonetheless, there is still a rich vein of talent. The difficulty is to channel young players correctly. Too often, too many players are wasted or do not realise their full potential. The clubs wish to have their full quota of good players within their squad. Since the first-division clubs do not have a second team, it means Gerald Davies finds no lack of talented players

in the valleys but that

changes may be needed

that a large section of the squad, the second-choice players, do not play enough games. This is especially true of younger players. There is an increasing trend for a

club coach to go on scouting missions to schools. This may be prudent policy to ensure a club's development and continuity, but joining a large squad may deny the young player the valuable playing experience he needs at a critical time. Every player requires his period of apprenticeship.

So where does this lead? To the necessity in the end to retain eight strong clubs in Wales. To reduce it ally for the top bonours. This further would limit where young talent could play top-class rugby.

There is no need for rugby to be represented, as some have argued, by provinces or districts. Rather, it is the clubs who should adopt a provincial responsibility, in playing and administration terms, so that, for instance, Llanelli will become the centre of excellence for the west and towards which all noteworthy players in the area will aspire. Swansea would become the focus for its population and the valleys that feed

Putting their differences and histories aside, Neath and Aberavon might amalgamate, as indeed might Maesteg and Bridgend. Cardiff and Pontypridd have large enough populations from which to draw enough players to satisfy both clubs. Indeed, year in year out, despite their close proximity they are competing annureaffirms that there is independent life in both of them. Finally, to the black hole that exists

in that area once known as Gwent. Within it there are six clubs that were once thought to be of leading status. This is no longer true. Nor are they likely to recover their status in the future. There are three clubs in the first division but none is doing particularly well. Might not these clubs pool their resources to form two influential clubs, one of which would be Newport with the other one representing the valleys.

Other clubs in these eight areas would form a network of "feeder" clubs, channelling their best players to the recognised centre of excellence. This system would function in a similar way to that which exists in New Zealand and South Africa, but final, the highest placed being would only differ administratively to Paul Richardson and Jorna that which once existed in Wales. Dawson in third, 

**DANCING** 

#### Star Ball marks ' < rapid rise for couple

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

TIMOTHY HOWSON and Joanne Bolton, former leading dancers, continued their rapid rise through the professional ranks in the early hours of yesterday morning with their showing in the final of the Star Ball, the first international championship of the year.

After a three-round contest across the four dances of waltz, tango, foxtrot and quickstep, Howson and Bolton, from High Wycombe, were placed fourth, their best result in a top-flight championship. Some judges, however,

placed them as high as second in some dances, a sign of their rapid progress and that they could soon be challenging more experienced couples.

The winners were Luca Baricchi and Loraine Barry, the England No 2 couple, who, along with Marcus and Karen Hilton, will represent their country at the world championships in November. The Hiltons, who did not dance at the Star, have never been beaten by Baricchi and Barry. Seven times the world champions, they are favourites to win when they meet at the open UK championships in Bournemouth later this month.

Howson's result cannot be taken as a guide to his world ranking because of the number of top dancers who withdrew because of injury and influenza. Their performance is an indication that England has up-and-coming dancers who could enable Britain to remain dominant, although couples from countries such as Italy are becoming more difficult to beat.

In the Latin section, won by a couple from Finland, England had two couples in the

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## Warning signals that flash danger round the globe

single-handed non-stop round-the-world, yacht race is very much one of autonomy and self-sufficiency. Compared with other round the world races, there are no million-dollar budgets, few creal restrictions and, for the winner, no prize money, just prestige. Sailing is a mechanised sport. Designers, engineers and builders spend months and months agonising over the shape and structure of these advanced craft. Speed and safety are the two principal criteria.

But, as with all industrial design

exercises, there is a certain amount

of compromise involved and, inev-

However, the ultimate responsi-

skipper. He alone must determine whether his boat is sale, whether he has enough food and water on board and whether he should head this way or that. He could choose a heavy boat built of steel that would take a year to sail the course. Or he could opt for a light boat made of composites that would do it in only one hundred days.

The skipper, although carrying lots of salety equipment - such as liferaits, emergency beacons and survival suits - is never under any illusions that, in an emergency, a rescue is guaranteed.

Ultimately this event will be selfpolicing. Competitors in future races are always going to have the The spate of rescues in the Southern Ocean should force a debate on how to make round-the-world races safer, Marcus Hutchinson suggests

images of this Vendée Globe race in the back of their minds when they motivate themselves to find the money to compete. The risks are clear and the consequences of making the wrong decisions have been demonstrated.

In spite of this, there will be rule additions when this race is over, such as requiring the skippers to sail a more northerly course through the Southern Ocean and further design regulations governing structural strength and stability. The Vendee fleet is not the only one that should take note. however. The lessons apply to ali

So what exactly went wrong in the Southern Ocean? Why have three competitors been the subject of daring rescues over the past fortnight, at a cost of millions of dollars? Has single-handed sailing become too dangerous?

Some of these boats are old and ill-equipped. Some are sailed into weather conditions that neither they nor their skippers are in a state to cope with. Some are just plain

unlucky, meeting the kind of statistical conditions that would cause a North Sez oil platform to collapse. In Torn Bullimore's case a rescue was necessary because the keel fell

of: Exide Chaileneer - a structural failure. For Thierry Dubois, his Pour Amnesty International was unable to recover from a capsize even with its keel intact. The unforgenable sight of Du-

bois perched on his upturned boat was a graphic reminder of the excessive beam (width) and lack of ireeboard (the height from the

waterline to the deck level) that is typical of the Open 60s. This makes them more likely to stay upside down than to right themselves. Raphael Dinelli's sinking, meanwhile, reinforces the potential danger of a simple dismasting, when a broken spar can pierce the hull. Structural failure, as

Bullimore's case, is the result of compromises or errors which can happen in design, construction or operation. Ultimate stability, or the lack of it, as with Dubois, is easy to calculate and the skipper should have known about his boat's properties and have made the decision to race with that knowledge. A broken mast destroying a boat (Dinelli) can only be bad luck.

questionable decisions of the past two weeks must be noted and analysed. We are fortunate that. thanks to technology, the skill of the Australians and the tenacity of the heroes in this saga, we have a massive amount of first-hand experience to act on. We have an opportunity to make this and other races safer in the future, so that this kind of sailing may continue to attract the world's most ambitious

competitors.

The author is a yacht designer. writer and a former editor of Seahorse.

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#### BOXING

## Akinwande prepares to fight for recognition

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent.

HENRY AKINWANDE is the only world-class British heavyweight with an unbeaten record, yet few in Britain recognise him as a serious contender for the undisputed \* ₹ world title. That could change when Akinwande, the holder. defends his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title against Scott Welch, the undefeated British champion, in. Nashville, ..Tennessee, tomorrow.

Experts have long ignored Akinwande's achievements.

He beat Axel Schulz of Germany, for the European title in 1993, and even though two years later the significance of that victory was underlined when Schulz beat George Foreman — but lost the verdict z on a contentious decision few gave Akinwande his due.

Even when he won the WBO title last June by knocking out Jeremy Williams, of the United States, in three rounds in California, he was considered no more than a second division champion.

Everyone acknowledges that Akinwande is hard to heat but few see him as true world champion material.

After he defended his WBO title against Alexander Zolkin recently in Las Vegas he said:
"I showed people here I'm not just an ordinary British heavyweight. I showed people I can box, and box well. I kind of find it funny that people know that here but cannot see it in

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Britain." The lack of acceptance in Britain could have something to do with Akinwande's retirthat the supporters have not forgotten his bout with Johnny Nelson, which is regarded as the most boring to the supporters have not forgotten his bout with Johnny Nelson, which is regarded as the most boring to the supporters have not forgotten his bout with Johnny Nelson, which is regarded as the most boring to the supporters have not forgotten his boring to the supporters have not forgotten his boring to the supporters have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not supporter have not forgotten his bout with Johnny not supporter have not supporter have not supporter have not supporter his bout with Johnny not supporter have not supporter his bout with Johnny not supporter his bo the most boring ten rounds ever seen in a British ring. Critics even believed that he could not fill a small London hall without the support of local boxers.

But this bout could awaken the attention of the British public because Welch, of Brighton, like Akinwande a former ABA champion, is aggressive and tough enough to cause an upset even though he is not highly rated in world terms. Welch has already brought a degree of needle to the contest, accusing

Akinwande, who lives in Florida, of turning his back on

Don Turner, Akinwande's trainer, who was in Evander Holyfield's corner for his bout with Mike Tyson, believes Britain will finally have to recognise Akinwande when he becomes undisputed world champion, beating Tyson and

Lennox Lewis on the way.

Turner, who has had
Akinwande in his care for seven months, said yesterday: Henry is one of the best fighters I have ever trained. He is just a step behind Evander. I have no doubt that when Evander retires Henry will become the top

"When he came to me, I knew from his height [6ft 7in] he had the strength to do anything that it took to become a great fighter. His left jab is really strong just like Larry Holmes's and Joe Louis's. I just told him to be more aggressive and not hold too much. I guess I just woke him up to what he's capable of.

"You saw what Evander did to Tyson, pushed him about like a rag doll, it'll be the same when Tyson meets Henry. He is right up there with the top three heavyweights. It won't be long before he rounds up all four titles."

It was not surprising to hear Turner talking so highly about Akinwande. The champion who also held the Commonwealth title, has had a distinguished career. Akinwande, who was born

in Dulwich in 1965 and was the Los Angeles Olympics. He worked as a road sweeper in the Trafalgar Square area and for long months lived on bread and water. He joined the Lynn Boxing Club and won the ABA title twice, beating Herbie

Hide for the second title. Akinwande represented Britain in the Seoul Olympics but, strangely, was beaten by Vanderlejide. He turned professional in 1989 with Mickey Duff and remained unbeaten for 29 contests, joining King in

#### ATHLETICS: POWERFUL BRITISH ENTRY ANNOUNCED FOR MARATHON

#### Evans high on list for birthday honours in London

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

PAUL EVANS wants the whole of London to share his 36th birthday celebrations. For his party piece, he is planning to win the Flora London Marathon on April 13.

Evans became only the third Briton to break 2hr 09min when he won the Chicago Marathon in October and it has made a new athlete of him. He intends to prove it in London, where he races Richard Nerurkar, Britain's most reliable championship marathon runner, over the distance for the first time.

The strongest British entry for a decade was announced yesterday, one that presents a good possibility of a British double, last achieved by Hugh Jones and Joyce Smith in 1982. No British man has won in London since Eamonn Martin four years ago but, even without knowing yet who the overseas opposition will be, Evans and Nerurkar will be among the favourites.

Liz McColgan will defend the title she won last April, but will not carry British hopes alone. Marian Sutton will seek to build on her breakthrough last year when, like Evans, she Chicago as a big-city marathon winner. Martin, Peter Whitehead and Gary Staines undernin the British men's challenge.

Evans was third in London last year, his highest finish in four attempts. Ahead of him were Dionicio Ceron, the Mexican who completed a hat-trick of wins, and Vincent Rousseau, from Belgium. Six months later, though, Evans drew away at 18 miles in Chicago, finishing in 2hr 08min 52sec. He had no race plan, but the way he held form when running solo has worked wonders for his selfbelief. I am going into London this year with a different attitude," Evans said. "I have never sat down and thought: 'How am I going to

win London?" "I have always been happy to be in the lead pack, just behind people, because I have been too in awe of runners like Ceron and Rousseau. Now my attitude is: Respect them but do not respect them too much'." He wants David Bedford, the elite race director, to bring in a pacemaker suited to

"I want a pacemaker there for me," Evans said. "Dave has never asked me before. I have always been content to

his requirements.



McColgan, left, and Staines go through their paces in London yesterday

hang in there and see what happens. This year I want the race set up so I can run fast. I will be looking to run a personal best and win."

If Evans goes out fast, he and Nerurkar may see little of each other. Nerurkar's cautious policy has helped him to build a sound, if unspectacular, competition record. Fourth in the 1994 European championships, seventh in the 1995 world championships, fifth in the Atlanta Olympics, he has not won a marathon

since 1993. "He will play it safe," Evans said. Perhaps not, this time.

Sooner or later Nerurkar must go for a fast time and, in a rare appearance outside the tactical noose of a championship, it could be now. Nerurkar's personal best, 2:10.03, does not reflect his ability and, though his priority will be to win, he could collect a sub-2:09 if he stays close to Evans.

Evans, who would enjoy a payday of more than \$200,000 (about £117,000) if he achieved his targets, will work two days this year: he is to defend his Chicago title rather than go to the world championships in

Such has been the recent

improvement in British women's cross country that McColgan is thinking of running the British trial to make the world championship team because, she feels, a squad including herself, Paula Radcliffe, Lucy Elliott and Hayley Haining might win the world team title in Turin in March.

McColgan insisted, however, that the London Marathon was her priority. She could make as much as Evans. if all goes well. For a former shoemaker (Evans) and jute mill worker (McColgan), athletics has been a smart career

#### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Higgins makes promising start

ALEX HIGGINS, desperate for an extended run in the Embassy world snooker championship in order to avoid being forced to compete in professional snooker's newlyinstituted qualifying school next season, made a positive start at Blackpool yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Higgins, winner of the game's blue riband event in 1972 and 1982, established a 6-3 lead over Darren Limburg, of London. in their best-of-19 frames. fifth preliminary round match. In terms of break-building, it was a low-quality session.

Higgins, who appeared at Stockport magistrates court on Tuesday, charged with a breach of the peace, managed only one contribution of any significance, 47, in the seventh frame. He was left requiring only four of the remaining ten frames to secure a place in the next round against either Stephen O'Connor or David Craggs tomorrow.

#### Wilson takes gold

SWIMMING: Ian Wilson shrugged off a bout of influenza to gain Britain's first victory of the new World Cup season in Peking yesterday. Several members of the England squad competing in the second leg of the World Cup series have been suffering from a virus, but Wilson, 26, still battled his way to the gold medal in the men's 800 metres freestyle.

The City of Leeds swimmer, who won the silver medal in the 400 metres freestyle yesterday, powered home in 7min 55.04sec to win by more than nine seconds from Jure Bucar. of Slovenia. Adam Ruckwood, of the City of Birmingham, another flu victim, was fourth in the men's 200 metres backstroke in 1:58.07.

#### Windows secures double

RACKETS: Matthew Windows, the Gloucestershire cricketer, won the singles and doubles titles in the Under-24 Open championship at Queen's Club. Windows overcame the 1992 winner, Harry Foster, in their semi-final before taking four sets to dispose of Alex Smith-Bingham in the final. Windows then teamed up with Smith-Bingham to win the doubles title in an exciting, hard-hitting final over five sets. Richard Carter, winner of the public schools singles in 1993 and 1994. matched Windows's achievement by taking the Under-21 Open championship singles and doubles titles.

#### Shinozuka blazes trail

the sixth stage of the Dakar rally, from Gao to Menaka. yesterday, completing the 332-kilometre run in 3hr 14min 35sec in his Mitsubishi to edge out Jean-Pierre Fontenay, of France. Fontenay crossed the line Imin 43sec off the pace. In the motorcycling category, the Frenchman, Stephane Peterhansel, came in ahead of the field on his Yamaha, recording a time of 3hr 29min 53sec, two minutes ahead of his compatriot, Thierry Magnaldi, on a KTM. In the overall car standings, Shinozuka leads Fontenay by 212 minutes.

#### Australia in sights

SHOOTING: The Great Britain rifle squad leaves for its latest Australian tour tonight to defend the Australia Trophy, the Commonwealth team rifle championship that Britain has held since 1987. The Australians changed the title from Empire Match to Australia Match to coincide with their bicentenary in 1988, but Britain continued to win - by 43 points at Bisley last year. The event this year is at Pontville range, Tasmania, which has some of the fiercest and most unpredictable winds in the world.

#### Baker-Finch unhappy

GOLF: Ian Baker-Finch, the former Open champion, had a miserable return to the sport yesterday when he returned a five-over-par 77 in the first round of the Victorian Open, in Australia, Baker-Finch, who took six months away from tournament golf after a succession of poor results in recent years, was 13 shots behind Stephen Leaney, the leader and defending champion. Leaney fired a course record of eightunder-par 64 to lead by two strokes from Paul Devenport, of

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#### FOR THE RECORD - Total

## BALLROOM DANCING LONDON: The Star Bulb Modern chemplonship: 1, I. Berlochl and I. Bany (Engl.; 2, A Sinkinson and A Preston (Engl.; 3, F Sain and S Fancaso (It); 4, T Howson and J Bolton (Engl.; 5, H and K Ameno (Japan); 6, J Wener and M Colagraco (Des). Leife championship: 1, J Haspalaireo and S Sutter (Fri.; 2, P Green and K Pulie (Aus); 3, P Richardson and I. Deiwach (Engl.; 4, P Sidel and A Disher (US); 5; V Milovelly and L Devidoux (Russ); 6, I Walte and I Hass (Engl.).

#### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 107 Sen Antonie 83; Cleweland 78 Houston 81; Philadelphie 95 Dates 111; Wastington 115 Phonnix 113; Denver 99 Seattle 108; Mileauses 119 Upsy 112; Pontand 61 Marris 85; Golden Sates 95 Vancouver 109; LA Lakes 101 Charlotte 97. BUDWESER LEAGUE Crystal Palace 75 Shaffaid 81.

#### BIATHLON ...

RUHPOLDBAG, Germany: World Cup: Men (20km): 1, R Gross (Ger) 52min 6.7sec (D pen min): 2, O E Bjorndelen (Nor) 52-48.3 (1): 3, V Mazingurov (Fuss) 53:40.3 (1): 4, S Pscher (Ger) 54:17.6 (1): 6, P Sendel (Ger) 54:28.0 (Fid) World Cup positions: 1. Facher 1950ks; 2. Mazingurov 178: 3, Bjorndelen 155: 4, P Muslimov (Flush) 156: 5, Gross 126: 6, Kirchner 125.

#### BOWLS '

SYDNEY: Merrylands international missed pairs chemptionship: Semi-ficals: M Price and J Bel (Eng) bt D Roche and S Lagozza. New South Walter) 18-9; E Semutio-(Queensiand) and M McMahon (New South Wates) bt. M Paddell and S Anderson (Queensiand) 15-13, Priest Price and Bet by Bonutio and McMahon 18-15

CRICKET

## Hopg 59; B E Michamera 4-47); New South Wales 126 (J. Angel 4-20). Melbourne: Teamerie 250-5 (D C Boon 75; S Young 50) y Victoria. TOUR MATCH: Calcutts (one clay): Indian select XI 231-4; Lenceshire 235-8 (N H Faithrother 82).

DARTS PRIMILEY GREEN, Embrasey world chempionahip (England unless stated). Second round: R Schollen (Holl) bt R George 3.0; L Wallace (Scot) bt R Barneveld (Holl) 3-2.

FOOTBALL

Wadnesday's tate results
COCA-COLA CUP: Quanter-finals: Bolton
Wanderers & Wimbledon 2; Middlesbrough
2 Liverpool 1.
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Southern section: Swansee 1 Wycombe 1 (set;
Swansee win 6-5 on pens)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fallorik
15 Marren 1; Stifting Albion 4 Greenos
Morton 3,
PONTRAS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Morton 3,
PONTRAS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Manchester United 3 Sheffield Wednesday
0, First division: Huddlessfield 2 Blacippool
0, Thirt division: Scarborough 1 Rochdele
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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:
Charton - Busici Rovers 2.
UNLIET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE:
John Offers League Cup: Third round
replay: Selsey 2 Arundle 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Torquay 0. A YOUTH CUP: Their round, first leg:
spanish CUP: Third round, first leg:
Grande 0 Real Bass 1: Villareal 0 Article
Blood 1: Ozasuna 3 Rayo Vallecano 2:
Ovledo 1 Cornocista 0; Zisagoza 1 Racing
Santander 1; Español 4 Sporting Gijon 1;
Savilla 2 Daposho La Courla 0; Cella Vigo
2 Logrones 0.

MELBOURNE: Victoria Open: Leading first-round scores (Aus unless stated): St. S.Leaney, 68: P. Davemport (NZ), 67: R Whittook, S.Tat. 68: B. Lamb, G. Ogéy, T. Price. 68: J wan de Velde (Fr), I. Wastie, S.

## Collins, G Colles, R Lee (NZ), M Long (NZ), E Welters. 70: D Geurni, S Alber (NZ), A Gestoni, D Semers, P Lonead, P Mobrany, Other scores: 71: G Evans. (GSI, 72: B Jackson (GSI), S Cage (GB), 78: M Carver (GSI), 77: I Balest-Fanck.

DUNDEE: Four-nations men's indoor tournament: Scotland 4 Australia B. South Africa 4 North America 1. RUALA LUMPUR: Four-nation tournament: Malaysta 9 Belgium 5: South Kores 5 Switzerland 0.

FREESTYLE SKIING

MONT-THEMBLANT. Cuebec: World Cap: Aerials: Merc 1. C Rigner; (Austra) 238 (19pts: 2, L Langlos (Can) 234 82; 3, S Foucas. (Fri 215 76; 4, J Sweet, (Austra) 214 93; 5, A Capick (Can) 214 97; 6, A Valenta (Ca) 209 91. Leading World Cuppositions: 1, Foucas. 292pts; equal 2, N Fondaine (Can) and E Bergoust (US) 246; 4, Capick 226; 5, Langlos 228; 6, M Ferrano (US) 216. Women: 1, V Brenner (Can)

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FOOTBALL Kick-aft 7 30 unless stated Nationwide League First division Stoke v Birmingham (7 45) Tranmere v Swindon (7.45)

LEAGUSE OF WALES: Inter Cable-Tel v Bitton Fetry, Newtown v Liensantifraid. FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: St Painta's Afth v Athlone (7 45); Shelbourns v Eventon (Cork) AFC (7.45); Weseford v Monaghan (7.45). OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League; New-castle v Manchester (7.30); London v

## 173.22; 2, M Rohrbach (Switz) 165 52; 3, C Chrier (Can) 163 25; 4, J Cooper (Aus) 160.86; 5, K Marchall (Aus) 160 07; 6, N Stone (US) 157.71. Leading World Cup positions: 1, Bronner 300; 2 Cooper 260, 3, Rohrbach 248, 4, Ofere 244, 5, K Kuster (Switz) 336, 6, H S Ltd 224.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey 1 Colorado 1 (OT); NY Rengers 3 Tampa Bay 4; Chicago 4 Edmonton 1, Dallas 6 Detroi 3: Anghem 3 Ronda 2

MOTOR RALLYING

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DAKAR-AGADES-DAKAR RALLY: Fifth steps (Terthudu to Gab): Care: 1, JP Fortenay If, Metablish) 3rt 42rm 45ac; 2, K Shincoula (Japen, Misubish) at 45ac; 3, B Saby Fr. Misubish) 4t 45ac; 3, B Saby Fr. Misubish) 15-50, 5, J Mischolmit (Ger, Buggy) 15-50, 5, J Mischolmit (Ger, Buggy) 15-50, 5, J Mischolmit (Ger, Buggy) 15-50, 5, Misubish; 16-45 Overall positions: 1, Saby 29rt 58rm 12-sec; 2, Shincoula 4t 96-2, 2, Fortenay 55; 4, Schlesser 15rm 21cot; 5, Misubit 10-60-40; 6, S Servas (Sp. Nissen) 22-54. Misticrycles: 1, 7 Magnetic (Fr, KTM) 4t 10rm 43-ac; 3, Spelerhansel Fr, Yamaha 11-55, 6, J Arcartors (Sp. KTM) 18:01. Overall positions: 1, Peterhansel 24th 49rtin 58-45; 4, Arcartors (Sp. KTM) 18:01. Overall positions: 1, Peterhansel 24th 49rtin 58-65; 4, Arcartors at 11-03-03, 3, Gelardot 158-45; 4, Arratha 200:59; 5, Lews 2-07-56; 6, Castera 2-09-03.

### RACKETS.

QUEEN'S CLUB: Under-24 Open champlonship: Singles: Semi-finals: A SmenBrighten bt R Walter 15-9, 15-9, 15-12; M
Windows, bt H Focter 15-7, 17-14, 15-12
Final: Windows bt Smith-Bingham 15-9,
11-16, 15-6, 16-12 Doubles: Semi-finals:
Windows and Smith-Bingham bt G Rees
and B Newman 15-5, 15-7, 15-8, Foster and
W Sewrey-Cookson bt R Carter and Walter
15-11, 15-9, 15-6, Final: Windows and
Smith-Bingham bt Foster and SewreyCookson 16-13, 10-15, 15-12, 15-6, 17-12.
Under-21 Open chemistership: Singles:
Semi-finals: E Behn bt C Charlton 16-10,
15-6, 15-8; Carter bt D Cruicksharik 18-13,

### 15-1, 15-11, Final: Contents Bettin 18-15 15-12, 15-5 8-15, 15-12 Doubles: Semi-finals: Center and Chaobstank bit Di Techneris-Barnett and Di Karder 15-2, 15-5 15-6: Behn and Charlton bit Di Staft and I Morris 15-9, 15-0, 15-4 Final: Concer and Crucksmark bit Behn and Charlton 15-10 17-14, 11-15, 15-12 TABLE TENNIS

RETTERING: English Open Men's singles: Round-robin qualifying: A. Eden Engl bt T. Janssens (Be) 27-18, 27-13, 21-9, S. Massari (Be) bt T. Young, Engl 21-18, 14-21, 20-22, 21-19, 22-20; K. Janish, Alustina; bt A. Pert, Engl 22-20; Lindiak, Alustina; bt A. Pert, Engl 22-20; Lindiak, Alustina; bt A. Pert, Engl 22-20; Lindiak, Engl bt O. Omen (Jul) 21-18, 12-22, 21-15, 21-12, 17-18, Elain bt C. Robertson (Scot) 21-6, 21-19, Engl bt C. Robertson (Scot) 21-6, 21-19, 21-22, 21-39, 14-21, 21-18, 21-10. Sieze of J. Kalm (Jul) 12-30, 21-19, 20-22, 21-15

SYDNEY: International localisation Ment Question finals: G fiver the rec. (Cr.) of S. Stolle (Aus.) 6-4, 6-2; C Moya (So.) bit P Ratter (Aus.) 7-6, 6-3; T Herman (GS) of A C Sister (US) 7-6, 6-3; T Herman (GS) of A C Sister (US) 6-4, A Cost (US) bit A Fiscer (US) 6-1, M Hings (Swiz) bit Y Beasile (Indio 7-6, 6-1, M Hings (Swiz) bit Y Beasile (Indio 7-6, 6-1, M Hings (Swiz) bit Y Beasile (Indio 7-6, 6-1, M Hings (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Devention (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Devention (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Devention (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Devention (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Devention (US) bit I Major (Cro) 7-5, 6-4, I Becker (Ge) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 Losent playoffs: M Stort (Ger) bit J Councer (US) 6-4, 6-3
A Microsofter (Unit of S Draper Auc.) 6-4, 6-3
AUCICIA AND: Men's tournament Second

64, 63
ALICKLAND: Men's tournament: Second round: J Spotman (Swo) at C Raud (Non-60, 7-5; M Ross (Chile) at J Teranos (US) 62, 64; J-M Gamba (ILS) bit C Moodalf (US) 57, 62, 7-6, M Chorasta (SA) at Kussia (Sovena) 2-6, 62, 63
HOBARTI: Women's tournament: Quarterfinals: M Werdel-Winneyer (US) to 5%-Ting Wang (Fassan) 6-4, 6-2 M Endo Jupran) bit A Elimoto (Aus) 3-6, 6-6, 6-2 D bath Roots (Bel) bit L Centora (Cz) 6-0, 1-0 set E Calletts (Bel) at A-G Sciot (P) 6-3, 2-6, 6-0

#### **SNOW REPORTS** Conditions Runs to Piste Cfl/p resort

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(Pastes good but some icy spots on lowest runs)

Val Thorens 160 240 good crusty good cloud -2 5/1
(Pistes hard-packed but good and free of rocks/stones) ITALY Cervinia

150 440 good powder good cloud -4 (Superb sking conditions, powder everywhere) 85 130 good powder good snow 1 9/1 (Excellent sking everywhere snowing again) 105 200 good moguis tair cloud -3 (Great sking on most slopes; poor visibility) Cortana Livigno SWITZERLAND 65 170 good powder good snow -2 9/1 (10cms new snow and excellent skiing) Murren (10cms new snow and good good (Excellent skiing but poor visibility)
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## The job that was too cold to handle



Kicking and Screaming

and after considering all the evidence, this is mine. Kevin Keegan was just fed up with being cold. Look at any pictures of the poor man and what do you see? Anorak zipped up to his nose. Bobble hat round his ears, pinched nose poking out between. The man was clearly

So, what happened? At new year, he noticed that his toes had started coming off with his socks, indicating that even perpetual gum-chewing was no longer an activity adequate to maintain circulation. So he made his heroic decision, as others have done before. "I'm just popping out," he said. "I may be some time.

When Newcastle United fans finally learn the true story, they will be very, very sorry. If St James' Park had only offered its hero a little pitch-side gazebo with a brazier, all this sorry flotation mess might have been

Wednesday, to mug griefstricken fans for a story. There were plenty of them to choose from and, by a stroke of good fortune, they all wear black anyway. Few of them were worried (as I was) by the split infinitive in the morning's

Their minds seemed entirely bent on Messianic blasphemy. "He died for us," was the common theme of woe; in The Journal, the Newcastle daily paper, came the headline "He never forgot ordinary people". At this rate, "Eat this and think of me", may well be the next Sugar Puffs campaign, so

I know where I was when my patience snapped about all this. Yes, Keegan holds a unique place in the hearts of a unique city with a unique passion for footy. But a lunance Geordie promptly had his arm tanooed with a tombstone and "R. I. P. Kevin Keegan 92-97" on it. and I just thought. choking on my Kevin Keegan Memorial Breakfast, well enough's enough.

For one thing, now that everyone is in this bizarre



mock mourning for the man pathetically at Keegan's (after all, he is not dead, he is car-parking space that morning (their dad pledging "to tell only not in Newcastle). I cannot make jokes any more them all about him as they got older), were thankfully tucked up at home under about Keegan and Terry McDermott looking like the Scousers in Harry Enfield and black-and-white quilts.

suffer. Alex Ferguson does this

scapegoat impersonation perfeetly, with the red-eyed and highly-alarmed look of some-

one who has inadvertently

today, that hairy billy-goat

with the worried expression

would not get a look-in. No

wonder football managers

work so hard at maintaining

their haircuts: it is obviously a

statement that they still have

Back in Newcastle, a light

snow fell on Wednesday night.

and the vigil outside St James'

Park had disbanded. The stat-

ue to Jackie Milburn, covered

with its grim tarpaulin, still

towered over the steps, but

little Carl and Jason Hewitt.

the bobble-hatted Toon tod-

dlers, who had posed so

control over something.

If Holman Hunt were alive

glanced into the pit of hell.

And suddenly, I don't know why, I cheered up. My taxi As a newcomer to football, I have only just started to appredriver, the fourth of the day. ciate the role of the manager told me as a fact that Kenny Dalglish would be taking which is perhaps lost sight of sometimes. But principally, of over; and as another fact, said course, the manager's role is to

Darren Peacock had told him. Gosh, how swanky. Perhaps life was worth living, after all. Remembering the Bible story, moreover, I felt great consolation come upon me: Kevin would rise again in three days. and besides, he had left on earth all these lovely Newcastle disciples (I mean, players) still living.

"Have you ever met David

Chronicle :

sound as offhand as possible, and not too disrespectful of the gloom. "You wouldn't happen to know where he lives? I mean, in the interests of my research, you know, I'm not fixated or anything, it's just that, being a hotshot football reporter and all that ..."

Five minutes later, we drove slowly past the house (which could have been anybody's, but there was a tell-tale

Renault in the drive) and I was so excited I tipped my friend five quid. To be honest, it was the most exciting thing that had happened all day. It is true what they say

about Newcastle. It is a small place and it is football mad. Ask anybody if they have met the players, or seen them in bars, and they are dead proud to say yes. They might be making it up, of course. But nobody could remember seeing Keegan in the town; they just felt his presence. And his influence spread wide, clearly. According to reports, sales of Sugar Puffs went up 20 per

cent during 1996. I could not help noticing that the "ordinary people" story concerned a charity trip to Lanland with local disabled children - a lovely thought, save in one troubling respect. Lapland. You see? If my Captain Oates hypothesis is correct, this sounds suspiciously like the final straw. Kevin, we've arranged a lovely holiday for you," they said. "Oh great, where?"

"Laoland." Believe me, somewhere in Marbella, a ceremonial bonfire is already burning. And on top of it, a famous black

### Hall to take back seat at St James'

build on that."

namer is torrectow's chin wrapper must seem especially pertinent to Kevir. Keegan at the moment. Only 24 hours quickly overtook even such a dramatic departure.

The search for a successor occupied most throughts in the North East yesterday. So too, though, did an announcement that Sir John Hall will relinquish control of the club in the build-up to a public share

Sir John, speaking to the local newspaper, indicated that he will step down as chairman to allow his son. Doughts, to take charge of day-to-day matters, and assume omtrol. The multimilfigurehead.

Disbelieving supporters try to come to terms with the abdication of King Kevin

He will also keep in contact with the board of directors over the appointment of a successor to Keegan, even though the task of finding the right man has been offered to Douglas Hall, Yesterday, Sir John also moved quickly to quash the inevitable rumours surrounding Keegan's departure.

Speaking for the first time about the loss of his manager. Hall denied that there was any friction. I had a tremendous rapport with Keegan. he said. We got on tremendously well. and there is no question of us

"I am proud to have been part of the Kevin Keegan era at St James' Park, and proud to have been part of what he achieved. The important thing

on. He has taken the club from all part of it. Some supporters obscurity and put it on a think it's fantastic what we sound footing, now we must

Sir John indicated that the roots of Keegan's departure lie in the manager's own passionate desire for success. Inevitably, that led to an intense pressure which finally Keegan could endure no longer.

Such sentiments were echoed in an interview Keegan gave just before his decision to turn his back on Newcastle. Some people think I have the best job in the world, but others wouldn't touch it with a bargepole," he said. "There are days when I think it is the best job around, but days when I think not. The mood swings are unbelievable.

"Everyone has a boiling point. There are highs and lows, the responsibility, the glory - and the stick, they are have achieved, but others can t get over the fact that we didn't

win the league. They absolutely slaughter me. They write to say I know nothing about football, I am picking wrong players, I am playing the wrong way. I have bought wrong players. They say I don't know anything - I st can't win."

Keegan's departure has left the Newcastle squad in a state of near stunned silence. At the training ground yesterday, they trooped by one by one, all dejected, and most not wishing to comment on their manager's departure.
Only Les Ferdinand broke

the silence when spoke for his team-mates. "We are gutted," he said. "He was a great manager and his departure will be a terrific blow."

### Liverpool beaten as Robson twists knife

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MIDDLESBROUGH made matters worse for Newcastle United supporters on Wednesday night as Bryan Robson's team moved to within 270 minutes of bringing a rare piece of silverware back to the North East. They followed up their Coca-Cola Cup win over their rivals by knocking out Liverpool, the favourites and FA Carling Premiership leaders, 2-1 at the Riverside Stadium. The semi-final draw pitted them against either Stockport County or South-

ampton over two legs. This was a massive game for us to keep our season going and instil some confidence in the boys at the club," Robson said, after goals from Craig Hignett and Steve Vickers proved too much for Liver-

despite Steve McManaman's second-half consolation. My players worked very hard to get their just reward."

A virtuoso performance from Oyvind Leonhardsen helped Wimbledon to book their semi-final place. The Norwegian's display was the catalyst for a 2-0 win over Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park. Wimbledon will play Leicester City or Ipswich Town. Leonhardsen provided the killer blow to Bolton's prospects after 22 minutes with a sweetly-struck, curling shot. Efan Ekoku had scored an early goal for Wimbledon.

GOCA-COLA CUP: Semi-finels: Stochoot:
County or Southernston of Middlesbrought;
losewich Town or Lincoster City v Wimbledon: First legs to be played on February 19
and 19: second legs to be played on March
11 and 12.

### Time for tea, Boston-style?

United States of Anger. Radio 4, 9.45am.

In his final report on the health of the US, Gavin Esler gets hotter In his final report on the health of the US, Gavin Esler gets hotter under the collar than at any time during the past six weeks. You can almost hear him clench his fists. Instead of sitting on the fence, he leaps over it and pursues his prey with axe swinging over his head. I realise I have made a macedoine of metaphors, but Esler's scorn has left me somewhat sturned. His principal target this morning is Washington as a seat of government — or rather mis-government. Quoting Thomas Jefferson, he suggests that a little rebellion might be rather a good thing. "Perhaps", he adds subversively and in a Bostonian context, "all America might be refreshed by another tea-party."

The Chocolate Kiddies. Radio 4. 9.30pm.

Why chocolate? Because of their skins. But why kiddies? That suggests juvenility, something nobody would ever have said about this ensemble of black musicians, singers and dancers who took jazz to Europe in the 1920s and, as Tony Staveacre explains it, nudged to Europe in the 1920s and, as Tony Staveacre explains it, mudged European popular music in a new direction. Sam Wooding, inexplicably ignored by many jazz historians, was the company boss. Lead trumpeter was "Doc" Cheatham, now 92, and still blowing. In Germany, The Chocolate Kiddies helped pave the way for the Berlin cabarets that Christopher Isherwood memorably wrote about. After they returned to the US in 1931, the Nazis branded all black entertainers degenerate and outlawed them.

Peter Davalle

#### RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Mary Anne Hobba 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler, includes The Chart Hour and predictions for the westernd's Top 40 7.00 Pate Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00am Annie Nightingale

dy, includes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Tratwer 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wowfstogrowy With Toyah Wilsox and Jethrey Holland 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night From the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London: BBC Concert Orchestra, under Robin Stapleton 8.45

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breeldast Programme 8.35 The Megazine 12.00 Afficially with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwithe 7.00 News Eithe 7.35 Patienson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport Presented by Robin Bailey, Footbell, Trammers v Swindon from the Nettonwide League, Cricket, An update on the England four party in New Zeeland 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Raymer and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Edra, with Steve McCommack 12.05 After Hours 2.05 Up All Night; with Richard Dallyn.

TALK RADIO

All times in GMT. News on the hour. 5.30em Europe Today 6.30 Europ Today 7.15 Off the Shell 7.30 Share Today 7.15. Or fire Shee 7.30 States Experiences 8.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 8.45 Early Versions 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Focus on Fasth 9.45 Sport 10.30 EBC English 10.45 Off the Shell 11.30 Meridian Books 12.05pm Business 12.15 Britain Today 1.20 Science in Action 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack 3.05 Sport 3.15 Early Versions 3.30 Music Review 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.01 Outlook 7.25 World of Focus on Faith 7.30 Multitrack 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 People and Poetics 10.30 World Today 10.46 Sport 11.10 Spotlight 11.15 Insider's Guide 11.25 Book Choke 11.30 Multitrack 12.30 Science in Action 3.15 Sport 3.30 Maridian Live 4.30 Jazz Now and Then 4.45 Seven Days

#### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mile Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Smore 2.00pm Concerto. Franz Krommer (Fute Concerto in G Major, Op 30): 3.00 James Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sorieta Mozart (Piano Sonata No 12 in F major) 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Concert. J Strauss Jr (The Gypsy Baron. Overture); Sarassete (Ziguenerweisen, Op 20); Ravel (Bolero; Tzlgane) and Khachalurian: (Gayanah, Sulte) 10.00 Nick Belley 1.00am Selly Peterson

#### VIRGIN RADIO

gives by the Yorkshine-Benoque Sololets in the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hell, at the Music Department of the University of York, Includes Musitet (Florilegium Secundum No 1 in D minor); (Charpentler (Pour le Sacre d'un Evesque); Musitet (Florilegium Secundum No 3 in A minor); (f) Musite Machine, Tornmy Pearson explores the origins of pop soms 6,00am On Air. With Penny Gore. Falla, err Berrio (Siets Canciones Populaires Espanolos): Schubert (Violin Concerto No.3 in G mirror)

9.00 Momiting Collection, with Catrione Young, includes Mussorgsky, err Rimsky-Korselcor (Scherzo in B flet); Tchelkowsky, compl Bogstyryov (Scherzo in B flet); Tchelkowsky, compl Bogstyryov (Symphony No.7 in E fast); Mussorgsky, err Tchemov (St. John's Night on the Bare Mountain)

10.00 Mussical Encounters, includes Mozart (Symphony No.32 in G, K318); Gordon Jecob (Suite for Recorder and String Orchestra); Bliss (Corversations); Eric Coates (Oxford Street, London Again); Bridge (The Flourgless)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Monteverdi

1.00pm Neives, St Devid's Hall Longon Neives, St Devid's Hall Longothine Recital. Concert of music for two pianos with planists Martin Jones, Richard McMarton, Anthony Gofstone and Caroline Clemmow. Moscheles (Les Contrastes); Wilberg (Fantastes on the themes of Bizet's Carmen)

2.00 How Do You Get To Carpagle Hall'? In the first of a five-part series, mezzo Delea Jones explains how practice makes her pedect. Then she

of pop songs
5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green. Includes Schubert (Lachen and Weinen)
7.30 Czech Philharmonic. The orchestra and the Czech-borr conductor Libor Pesak team

up in Birmingham to play three famous works by Dvorak: Othello, Cello Concerto in B minor and Symphony No 7 in D minor 9.15 Russia Five Years On. Professor Geoffrey Hosking talks to Sir Rodric Brathwell

former British ambassador to Russia, who reflects on politics within the former Soviet Union and the differences between East and West (5/5) 9.40 Little Pieces of Russia. A

selection of songs and Protofiev's Piano Sonata No 5 performed by Yilkin Seow Hear and Now, Sarah Walke introduces the first of a new series of concerts from the series of concerts from the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. Includes Frank Zappa (Peaches en Regalia); Steve Reich (Nagoya Marimbas)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Bernedeln (f)
1.00em Through the Night

### **RAD!O 4** 6.00 Str O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places, with David Statford. 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.43 Skip All That 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. John Clease Island Sue Lawley in Sue Lawley (r) 9.45 United States of Anger. See

by Xavier Montselvatge 2.15 Music Restored, George Pratt introduces a concert

Jones explains how practice makes her perfect. Then she

is accompanied by planist Malcolm Martineau in a selection of Negro spirituals by Xavier Montselvalge

Choice
10.00 Lefs Make Our Towns Nice.
Again (FM)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Wendy

11.30 The Natural History Programme, with Joanna Phytock

12.00 News; You and Yours, Clare Catlord presents reports on consumer and social affairs 12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weether 12.55 Weether 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Classic Seriel: A The Acres, Jane Smiley's Pulitzer prize-wirning rovel transposes the story of King

transposes the story of King Lear to contemporary lows.
Larry Cook's decision to hand over his farm to his three daughters is sudden and uncharacteratic. With Trevor Peacock and Kale Harper (r)
3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift
4.00 Keleidoscope. Tim Marlow visits an exhibition of recent work by sculptor Tony Cragg, and reads from the acclaimed first novel of Caractian writer
Thomas Wharton

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4.45 Short Story: A Read
Disaster, Read by Richard

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

this week's show from Hurst tary of State for Defence; Ledy Howe, champerson of the Broadcasting Standards Councit; Tessa Jowell, MP. Councit; Tessa Jowell, MP, shadow heelih minister, and Andrew Foster, controller of the Audit Commission Nicety Not Cutt Almost 60 years ago M.W. "Bunny" Austin became the last British player to reach the men's singles semi-linels at Wintbledon. Now in his ninely-first year, he shares

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8.05 Any Questions? Chairman Jonathan Dimbleby present

Wintbledon. Now in his ninely-first year, he shares some memories with Ned Shenin (i)

9.15 Letter from America, by Asiatar Cooke

9.30 Keletdoscope Feature. See Choice (i) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustio.

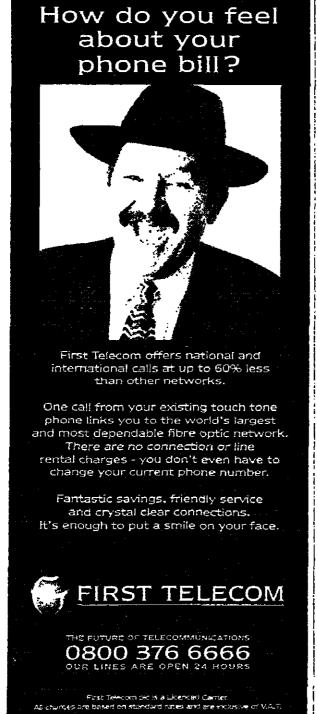
10.45 Book at Beditimer. Scarlet and Black, by Stendhal. Read by Greg Wise (10/10)

11.00 Week Ending. The comedy revue team devoir the news from the first week of 1997

11.25 Fourth Column, with John Diamond 11.45 Better Left Unwald? Adress ic her lormer lover . . . .

12.00 News 12.30 News 12.30 The Lete Book: A Spell of Winter, by Helen Dinmore Read by Janet New (3/5) 1.00 As World Service

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#### By David Maddock

THE saying that today's newsafter he resigned as manager of Newcastle United, events

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lionaire, however, will remain

now, is that the dream lives

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page :1 HINNY

(c) The offspring of a she-ass by a stallion. From the Latin hinnus in the same sense, Greek ninnes, ginnos. "He loads a little swiftpacing ass or hinny mule with his wares." PALINOIA

(b) The compulsive repetition of an act, over and over again, until it is performed perfectly. The classic form of this condition is the dogged piano practice of the ten-year-old next door, who is rehear-sing the Bine Danube or the notorious Minute Waltz for the end-of-term concert. The technical term for this is pianola palinoia, and the condition imposed upon the auditor is pianola palinoia paranoia. UROPYGIUM

(a) The fleshy and bony protuberance at the posterior end of a

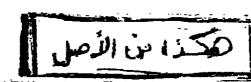
bird's body — the part of a bird to which its tail feathers (the hardest to pluck) are attached. The word could be used (loosely) as a grandiloquism at the Christmas dinner table for the pope's nose. More loosely still, it might be used in church as a cryptograndiloquism for the pope's nose. GOSSOON (a) A lad. The affected English pronunciation of the French gurçon. The word gives a sense of silliness, because of the subconscious association with other words ending with oon.

such as goon and loon. It is therefore suitable for use by an adult

nasty enough to wish to address a young male person -particularly a waiter - in a patronising way.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Rxd7! Rxd7 2 Nf6+! gxf5 3 Qg4+ Bg7 4 Bxf6 and wins.

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# Sight for A break for Johnathan, consumed with zeal with the wint a bloode, he wont makes his job so worthwhile. The bloode he wont makes his job so worthwhile. The bloode he wont makes his job so worthwhile. The bloode he wont makes his job so worthwhile. The bloode he wont brilehand Paul McCarrine and b

wear short says to the name of Juliet, Kirsty or Alice Life at the BBC cannot be easy for at the BBC cannot be easy for Johnsthan Martland.

Help, however, was at laund.
Anne Robinson, to whom many a young journalist owes a career was off doing something else for a couple of weeks and generously tossed the office keys to the only authentically crumpled member of the Watchdog team. There you stine warenaug team.

are Johnathan you have a go.

So Maitland, a man normally only happy with a telephone nucked under each car had his head up a Zamussi, ind. Welcome

to our first ever look at the world of entertainment, he said, doming a positively raffish black velver jack et and casually unbuttomed red shirt for Watchdog Batertain-ment Special (BBC!).

It began well enough, with one of those Watchdog moments that an interesting call from George of

(hurray!) was preventing the widow of a former Beatles roadie from selling hand written lyrics, worth up to £60,000 if McCartney (boo!) stopped disputing ownership and let them go to auction. He would not But shortly before Christmas. Maitland told us breathlessly, a McCartney side arrived at Lily. Evans's modest from door and suggested a private arrange-ment, provided there was no fuss.

Goodness, you mean Macca wanthes it as well? After last night's fuss, the private arrangement is presumably off and no doubt a special Watchdog helpline is to be set up for anybody else suffering from troublesome Bearles lyrics. "Any progress there yet, Johnsthan?" Robinson will ask, with 30 seconds to go. "Well,

Why had he changed his mind? One word, apparently: Watchdog.

very promising lead from a Yoko in New York, who not only says half the songs are hers but is also having trouble with her new Zanussi washer-dryer ... "

that, however, was not all we had time for last night. There was something on the old perennial of theatre booking fees and an item about celebrity interviews that, for all Maitland's ingenuity, didn't work because Madonna (ves, she watches it too) behaved impeccably. Not only did she spot the questions he'd written on his hand ("how sweet - i do that too") she politely dismissed his preposterous inquiry about how she was coping with "getting more mature". "It's OK, you can say old". To his credit, Maitland

We left him on stage at The Half Moon, Putney, pretending to be



Matthew Bond

the Move, purportedly investigating whether ticker buyers have legal redress against old 1960s bands that have no original members in them. As Maitland said: This is a consumer programme. after all." Next week, Roy Wood sues Watchdog! Assuming he watches it too.

Unexpectedly, the most fascinating television of the evening came by way of a 20-minute advertisehow Bell and the Communication Workers Union came together to scupper Michael Heseltine's plans to privatise the Post Office told us more about how political lobbying actually works than any of the other talking heads in Michael Cockerell's splendidly absorbing A Word in the Right Ear (BBC2).

Telling the story of how Heseltine was effectively mugged by the Tory party's own grass roots was Alan Johnson, the telegenic general secretary of the CWU. Daniel Harris, the youthful organ-iser of the union's astunishingly sophisticated campaign and Bell himself, supremely diplomatic to the last. No, he'd never used the phrase "set a thirf to catch a thirf" when pitching for the business: Set a Tory to catch a Tory.

The lobbying campaign was far too clever and elaborate to go into

added subtent. Johnson casually adding that Bell (who reduced his fees for the union) was very much a Thatcherite and, therefore, possibly had a vested interest in humbling Heseltine and Cockerell. chipping in with a timely reminder that if this is what a modern, lobby-wise union could achieve with the Conservatives in office, just think what they might be capable of under Labour.

n older story was retold in A Disaster (BBC2), a programme with the most unpromising of titles but, as it turned out, the most gripping and well told content. This was the story of what happened on July 6, 1988, the night most of us recall as the night the Piper Alpha oilrig exploded.

It was far more complicated than that and as narrator John Nettles calmly unravelled the story

more distressing. Those whom the programme implicitly criticised (but never named) will feel that the oversimplification process went too far. The rest of us will just be grateful for the greater understanding that it delivered, particularly the tragic role played by nearby rigs which, by failing to stop pumping their own oil and gas production, effectively turned Piper Alpha into a giant Bunsen burner. This was restrained, responsible, first-class television.

But no night in 1997 is complete without at least one documentary about the Skeleton Coast of Namibia, Last night's Survival (ITV) was the fourth in ten days and there are more to come. Des and Jen Bartlett's contribution was some lovely pictures of Namib Desert elephants sliding down sand dunes. I added it to my fastgrowing collection.

- BBC1 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (13855) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (27233) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS 2.11 (1975)
9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (2004/03)
9.45 KILROY (113885)
10.30 CANT COOK, WON'T COOK (53213)

weather (6431107)

12.30 CALL MY BLUFF (4993585) 1 CSale Sursa 12.55 THE WEATHER STORE (77710) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (77710) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27571132) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (1) (74980923)

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6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (671)
7.00 BIG BREAK Snooker (Bayers Peter Ebdon, Gary Wilkinson and Mark King cus up to help contestants win big prizes (7) 40951

(1) (4958) 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (1) (855) - 3.00 DAD'S ARMY Classic comedy.

8.30 NOEL'S TELLY YEARS New series of

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9.30 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES

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12.00 NEWS (1) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (7029126) weather (7029120)
12.05pm INCOGNITO Peter Smith ficets the cuiz final (8250010)

2.05 FILM: Columbo — Now You See Him
(1975) starting Peter Falk A stage
illusionist resorts to murder when a

(I) (323468/)
3.30 PLAYDAYS (3998584) 3.50 The Friday
Zone (1435774) 4.55 Newstound Edita
The Page Peter (I) (T) (7281229) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (1992478)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (988869)

Corporal Jones and Paleins Godfrey and Fraser are in-denger of being thrown out of the Home-Guard because of their considerable age (r) (1) (7478)

the nostalgia show in which Noel Edmonds tooks back tondly at the TV, lads and tashions of a chosen year with guests who were very much in the public eye at the time (1) (9213)

The detective goes undercover in a battered women's retuge to find out which of the residents has betraved the strict secrecy surrounding the place's whereabouts. Starring Patricia Routledge

whereabouts Staming Petricia Routledge
(1) (914381)

10.25 FILM: Escape from Alcatraz (1979)
staming Clint Eastwood and Patrick
McGoohan, Drama based on the true
story of a convict's dering attempt to
break out of the notorious high-security
prison on Alcatraz Island. Directed by
Don Siegel (971652)

12.10am FILM: The Day of the Triffids (1982) Howard Keel stars in this adaptation of John Wyndham's novel as one of a small group still able to see after the world's population is blinded and taken over by · \*\*\* [., semi-intelligent plants. Directed by Steve Sekely (724324)

1.45 WEATHER (2526904)

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Gemster Development Ltd. 7.15am SEE HEAR BREAKFAST MEWS \$235768) 7.30 Help! It's the Hair Bear (8235768) 7.30 Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch (2847045) 7.55 The Really Wild Show (2561300) 8.20 Just So Stories (3100942) 8.35 Lassie (3618855)

9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE (4058519) 9.15 The Statistics Collection (912107) 9.45 Watch Statistics Collection (912107) 9.45 Watch (8440652) 10.00 Playdays (69403) 10.30 Hotch Potch House (5754652) 10.50 Focus (4469855) 11.00 Look and Read (5236316) 11.20 Short Circuit (5493300) 11.40 English Time Throwaways (6208497) 12.00 English File: Death of a Selesman (42107) 12.30pm Working Linich (79749) 1.00 Scene (77792) 1.30 Le Club (44080720) 1.45 Words and Pictures (44161403) 2.00 Just So Stones (86526942)

2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY includes highlights of Tan Herman's semi-final in Sydney. The commentator is Barry Davies (332942) 3.50 News (1541584) 4.00 DARTS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

6,00 UFO Sci-fi drama (982774) 6.45 ELECTRIC CIRCUS Showbiz news magazine (576519)
7:00 TREWATCH: The Real Respettin Allim

biography that sets out to prove that Resoutin was neither a monk nor mad (r) 7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (D/W)



Climber Cameron McNeish (8.00pm)

WILDERNESS WALKS Rock-climber Cameron McNelsh embarks on a series of long-distance walks to celebrate our wildest places. In the first programme, he is loined by Olympic gold medallist Chris Brasher to traverse the high summits and passes of the Caimgorm mountain range (T) (8720)

8.30 GARDENING FROM SCRATCH Three back gardens are transformed under the watchful eye of gardening expert Helen Yerom (r) (T) (7855) 9.00 FILM: Wayne's World (1992) Teenage

comedy starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Directed by Panelope Spheens 10.28 VIDEO NATION SHORTS (106497)

10.30 NEWSNEGHT with Kirsty Wark (T) 11.15 SPACE ABOVE AND BEYOND New

sci-fi adventure series, beginning with a feature-length pilot. A future society is forced to lake arms after discovering an evil alien race is heading towards Earth, sperking the threat of an intergalactic war (622652) 12,45em DARTS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Dougle Donnelly introduces action from the last two quarter-lines at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green (6754140) 1.50 WEATHER (2521459)

### CHOICE

BBC2, 8.00pm Curreron McNeish (no prizes for guessing where he comes from) puts on his walking boots, gets himself a celebrity companion and tackles six tough terrains in Scotland, Ireland and Baffin Island. The series opens at a racecourse but only to introduce the first McNeish's co-walkers. Chris Brasher, who has a borse running. As the pair set off for a 20-mile trek through the Caimgorms, which takes in the summit of Britain's second highest mountain. Brasher proves excellent value. The former Olympic gold excellent value. The former Olympic gold medallist and organiser of the London Marathon obviously feels that at 76 he is too old to be politically correct. Otherwise he would not liken mountains to a part of the female anatomy. He also has forthright views on land ownership in Scotland, which he declares to be a disgrace.

Betjeman Revisited Channel 4, 8.00pm

Nigel Hawthorne introduces a second selection of films made by John Betjeman in the early 1960s and only recently rediscovered. Although these short essays on West Country towns predate Betjeman's more substantial television work, such as the delightful Metroland, they contain the essence of his approach. There is the relish for old buildings, the feeling for English landscape and the amused but never malicious observation of everyday lives. Only two of the five films in the series have survived intact. On the others Betjeman's commentary has been reconstructed from his scripts and is spoken by Hawthorne in an acceptable approximation of the distinctive voice. We start in Devizes in Wiltshire and discover how much (and, thankfully, how little) it has changed since Betjernan walked its streets 35 years ago.

Dressing For Breakfast Channel 4, 9.00pm

Beatie Edney returns as Louise, approaching 30, still single and seemingly fated to stay that way. Not that she would not like to meet Mr Right, it is just that he is either invisible or otherwise committed. This would be a slim excuse for a sitcom were it not fo sum excuse for a sitcom were it not for Stephanie Calman's perceptive scripts, perfectly delivered by the well-cast ensemble. Louise's situation is contrasted with those of her best friend (Holly Aird), who has a live-in man (Nigel Lindsay), but a singularly drippy one, and mother Liz (Charlotte Cornwell). As the new series opens Mum has just lost her second husband (Louise's step-father), the cue for some blackish humour about fumerals and grief. Liz's bereavement means that Dressing For Breakfast now has two unattached women, a fact that Calman will surely not be slow to exploit.

Channel 4, 9.30pm

The tiny, boyish Michael J. Fox as deputy mayor of New York City is improbable casting even for a sitcom, though his role has less to do with governing than rescuing his dim and amiable boss from gaffes and mishaps. Fox's Michael Flaherty is a spin misnaps. Fox's Michael Flaherty is a spin doctor and a busy one as, first, the city is crippled by a garbage strike and, secondly, the mayor unwittingly insults the gay community. Part of the joke is that while Michael is the king of the sound-bite at work, he stumbles to find the right words to appease his girlfriend (Carla Gugino) who wants to put their relationship on a more permanent forms. As with many American permanent footing. As with many American comedies, Spin City is stronger on slick one-liners than depth of character but it is a funny and likeable show which moves at a brisk pace.

Peter Waymark

6.00mm GMTV (1964223) 9.25 WIN LOSE OR DRAW (PRIESSA) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (\$239519) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE: 532231

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7136229) 12.30 NEWS (4084861) 12.58 WISH YOU WERE HERE? (n) (T) (4996652) 1.25 Horra and Away (n) (T) (71903752) 1.55 Minder, she Whote (8421316) 2.50 Get A Life! (9456010)

10.30 THIS MORNING (\$3442403)

3.20 NEWS (65394C3) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (6558774).

3.30 ROSIE AND JIM (1548808) 3.40 Datty Duck (2194949) 3.55 2zzapł New series (5075627) 4.15 tumzny New series (1775029) 4.40 Gradiators Train to

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (8151294) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (397045). 6.00 HOME AND AWAY 7: (T) (751382) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (333033)

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (T) (6126) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Stephen Reid springs a surprise on business partner Mike Baldwin, and Vera pays an unexpected visit to Tricle and Jamie (T)

8.00 THE BILL A loan shark discovers his business records have been stolen and reckons his chum DS Beech is the men to

8.30 EYE SPY Selma Scott presents more real-life crimes including a bank robber rumbled when he tried to buy a new coat and how the RSPCA uses video footage to investigate animal cruelty (T) (4381)



Streamah York stars as Liz (9.00om)

9.00 THE RUTH RENDELL MYSTERIES: A Dark Blue Perfume A man returns to his home town after iving abroad for almost 30 years, intending to start atresh However, his hopes of happiness are dashed when a transpires the memory of a tailed love affair still haunts him — and the memory of the me his desperate efforts to express its ghost lead to tragedy Starring Susannah York, John Castle, Rowenz Cooper and David Rvat (1) (4855)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (36590) 10.29 REGIONAL WEATHER (193923)

10.30 Fil.M: Defending Your Life (1991) starring Albert Brooks, Meryl Streep and Rip Torn. A yuppie is killed in a car crash and whisked off to a heavenly place where he must defend his record of life on Earth in front of a fribunal little realising another new arrival will steal his heart away. (30290671)

12.45 FUNKY BUNKER (r) (453237) 1.45 Club Nation (442121) 2.45 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (79817) 3.15 Customs Classified (6528324) 4.05 Dear Nick (r) (1382091) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (f) (87879) 5.30 News

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5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8151294) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (333039) 10,40 CENTRAL WEEKEND LIVE (17906010) 12.15am WEEKLY WORLD NEWS (50782)

1.45 BAYWATCH (4487362) 2.35 CYBER CAFE (1940430) 3.05 MOVIE CLUB (32885185)

3,35 GOD'S GIFT (6175362) 4.30 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (1676188)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 EMMERDALE (4996652) 1.50 HIGH ROAD (74995855) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8151294) 6,00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (74294)

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1.50 MURDER, SHE WROTE (8340497) 2.50-3.20 TIMPSON'S CHURCHES (9456010) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8151294)

6.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (333039) 54C Starts: 6.00am SESAME STREET (14215) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (90861) 9.00 HANGIN' WITH MIR COOPER (57039) 9.30 YSGOLION (807229)

**12.00 THE LIVING SEA** (33403) 12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (97720) 1.30 Film: SILK STOCKINGS (21482565)

3.40 THE DECISION (3078774) 4.00 SICK WOMEN, SMART DOCTORS

4.30 CLASSIC TRAINS (836) 5.00 5 PUMP (4872) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (316) 6.00 NEWYDDION (682671) 6.05 HENO (951120)

6.35 GAIR AM AUR (951213) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (269519) 7.25 Y SIOE GELF (527316) 8.00 CEFN GWLAD: TREBOR EDWARDS (6316)

8.30 NEWYDDION (2923) 9.00 PAWB A'I FARN (277836) 9.45 POBL Y PWLL (607381) 10,00 BROOKSIDE (34132) 10.30 CAPTAIN BUTLER (668010) 11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW (230861) 11.35 TFI FRIDAY (904294) 12 40em DANI DARES (7931053)

1,10 Film: MUSCLE BEACH PARTY (269508) 3.00 Film: HOUND-DOG MAN (807035)

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12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER III (60045) 1.00 CRAWSHAW PAINTS CONSTABLE COUNTRY (19309313)

1.25 THE NEEDY AND THE GREEDY (80372294) 1.50 FILM: The Love Lottery (1953) Ealing comedy starting David Niven, Peggy

Cummins and Anne Vernon Directed by Charles Crichton (82876403) 3,25 A CHILD'S GRIEF (r) (4325720)

4.00 FRANCES BISSELL'S WEST **COUNTRY KITCHEN (5/6) (652)** 4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (836) 5.00 ROCKET MEN (t) (3039)

6.00 TFI FRIDAY The guests include Jimmy Nail and Beverley Callard (72836) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) /545107) 7.55 SAVE A LIFE (863039)

8.00 CHOICE BETJEMAN REVISITED
Nigel Hawthorne introduces
the first of tive restored films (T) (6316; 8.30 BROOKSIDE (T) (2923)

9.00 CHOICE DRESSING FOR BREAKFAST New seven-pari senes charting the romantic trials of Louise. At her steptather's tuneral Louise meets a tall, handsome stranger. With Beatie Edney and Holly Aird (7) (5855)



Michael J. Fox in Spin City (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE SPIN CITY New American cornedy starting Michael J Fox as the Deputy Mayor of New York City

10.00 ROSEANNE: Call Waiting In the first of a new senes, Roseanne is refusing to talk to Dan after they have a huge row Featuring a cameo appearance by Ed Asner (T) (34132)

10.30 CAPTAIN BUTLER Romance comes into the life of Butler in the form of a mermaid (T) (2/6) (668010)

11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW (1/12) (230861) 11.35 TFI FRIDAY (r) (904294) 12.40am DANI DARES Dani Behr spends a week with a Los Angeles bounty hunter
(1) (7931053)

1.10 FILM: Muscle Beach Party (1964) Musical starring Frankle Avalon and Annette Funicello and Peter Lorre Directed by William Asher (269508)

3.00 FILM: Hound-Dog Man (1959) Musical starring Fabian and Stuart Whitman and directed by Don Siegel (807035) 4.35-6.10 FILM: Don't Knock the Rock (1956 btw) Musical featuring Bit Haley and the Comets and Little Richard Directed by Fred F. Sears (71031275)

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6.00mm Morning Met (205881) 9.00 Designing Woman (75405) 9.30 Designing Woman (75405) 9.30 Designing Woman (15565) 10.00 Another World (31132) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (55768) 12.00 Oprah Windey (55828) 1.00pm Gearbiol (14836) 2.00 Selly Jessy Repheef (11838) 9.00 Jerny Jones (10590) 4.00 Oprah Windey (33467) 5.00 Selly Tels The Next Generation (1403 6.00 Peel TV (1565) 6.30 Merried with Children (5045) 7.00 The Smyleoms (2132) 7.30 MASH 14225) 9.00 JeG (53749) 9.00 Welter, Texas Ranger (6213) 10.00 High Indicate (63000) 11.00 Star Triet This Next Generation (32861) 12.00 LAPO (15091) 12.30mm The Locy Show (69324) 1.00 Hell Mic Long Play (25140)

7.00pm Severly Hills 902:10 (5304519) 8.00
Melmas Piscs (3217039) 9.00 Pacalic Drive (8393403) 10.00 Tales from the Crypt (624923) 10.30 Tales from the Crypt (8833671) 11.00 Lats Show (7304125) 12.00 Hill Mix Long Play (9311343) SXV MISTANS SKY NEWS

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(8748) 8.00 Three Little Ninjan (1990) (64045) 7.30 UK Top 10 44035 8.00 Jack and Smah (1995) (66403) 10.00 Addicted to Love (1995) (683300) 11.35 Despecte Remedies (1983) (742467) 1.70cm Wes Craven's New Hightman (1994) (686855) 3.05 Sperrow (1994) (166140) 4.55 A Chylatman Carol (1979) (38671850) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm international Valvet (1978) (46122300) 6.10 Crazy Manne (1975) 25340571 8.00 Bibti and Peta-(1985) 9861652, 10.00 Go Toll, the Spantane (1976) (71481671) 12.05em All the Highl Movies (1885) (758053) 1.40 The Last 1973) (221633) 3.25-5.25 Meet Me in St Louis (1944) (8102546) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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Cunck Attack (375045) 6.80 Bonkers (8130213) 7.15 The Late Mormaid (5668403) 7.40 Aladdin (485519) 8.05
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5.00pm Blockhusters (1978) 5.20 Through the Neyhols (5942) 8.00 All Cued Up (2855) 6.30 Catchphrace (3107) 7.00 The Pyramol Game (7294) 7.30 Hart to Hart (28774) 8.30 Only When I Lauph (2749) 9.00 The Father Donling Mysteries (33920) 18.00 Treasure Hurs (36010) 11.00 Ricing Damp (18126) 11.30 Duly Free (55861) 12.00 Los Grant (81427) 1.00am The Father Dowling Mysteries (57362) 2.00 Hart to Hart (34072) 3.00 Los Grant (73546) 4.00 All Together Now (75256) 4.30-5.00 The Black Station (20632)

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Barcelona manager is people's choice

## Robson rises from fog on the Tyne

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN KEEGAN'S nameplate disappeared from the Newcastle United car park overnight, but between dawn and dusk yesterday the kites were being flown across the Toon, through the city of London, and to the Spanish peninsula in pursuit of who might succeed the Messiah as the new manager. Finally, late last night, the name of Bobby Robson appeared to be everyone's tip to "come home" to resettle in one last great chall-

enge. managing the club he had supported as a boy. Reports that Newcastle officials were meeting Robson, 64, in Barcelona last night helped reduce the odds about him succeeding Keegan from 12-1 to 2-1. However, vesterday morning Robson had insisted that he would see out the two-year contract binding him to the Catalan club until May

i was shocked like everybody else when I heard Kevin had gone." Robson said from his office at the Nou Camp. Barcelona's headquarters.

But I've nothing to say about
my name being linked. I work
for Barcelona, the biggest and
arguably the best club in the world. I've just started a twoyear contract and the club is having its best start to any season in 33 years ... did you get that, 33 years!"

The passion in the Geordie's voice, the defiance against pressure that he says is politically motivated from other corners of Spain, was unmispeople's choice Tyneside, had not heard that. according to Newcastle sources, a plane was on its way, bringing a three-man Newcastle United delegation to meet him in Barcelona.

Similarly, last night, John Toshack, the Welshman whose Deportivo La Coruña club Barcelona had beaten in a tumultuous match last Sunday, was at pains to deny speculation on Spanish state television that he was dining at the Marbella villa where Sir



Gresley's appeal

John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, is holidaying. Toshack is leaving Deportivo at the end of the season. possibly sooner.

Names tumbled from Newcastle's tree of rumour like leaves in the fall. Brian Little. a much younger Geordie, admitted to being flattered by his inclusion, confessed his tremendous affection for Newcastle United, and said a few moments ahead of his own chairman, Doug Ellis. that he was staying at Aston Villa — the club that Newcastle visit tomorrow.

From Amsterdam, an agent speaking on behalf of Johan Cruyff, whom Robson replaced at Barcelona, reiterated that Cruyff is as unavailable to Newcastle as he has been to other big European clubs this season. Cruyff, who is suing



Robson: committed to Barcelona until 1998

after his dismissal, happens to be the new president of a new venture called World Soccer Sixes that involves Liverpool. Rangers, Ajax and AC Milan. and will later this month present a commercialised concept of six-a-side football. One of the directors of the new company, based on an idea by the former Liverpool player, Craig Johnston, is Kenny

Dalglish, too, is on Newcas tle's mind and, almost exclusively, he has not said he is unavailable. He has said nothing on the subject, which is nothing new for Dalglish. However, in the village of speculation that is Tyneside. Malcolm Macdonald, a former Newcastle centre forward, says he has it on good

authority that Dalglish visited Sir John, a week ago. Meanwhile, Sir John con-tacted the Evening Chronicle in Newcastle to insist that he was staying at the club ... or rather, more vaguely, that he was committed to a future that, this season, had everything to play for - the FA Carling Premiership, the FA Cup. the Uefa Cup. While the players trained, each of them committed to silence, while the speculators surrounding the proposed stockmarket flotation of Newcastle imagined that they hold the balance of power in deciding the new man, uncertainty festered.

It is said that the bankers would not accept Dalglish, would not be any more certain that he, despite winning the championship as manager of rerpool and Blackburn Rovers, would be any less likely to walk away than Keegan has been.

Within Newcastle, the not unreasonable sway is towards one of their own. Robson, furious at interpretations within Spain that his coaching philosophy is alien to the game there, determined to prove himself as successful there as he did in winning championships for PSV Eindhoven and FC Porto. He is adamant that his future lies with Barcelona's next game, against Hercules at the Nou Camp on Monday.

An honest man, telling it like it is. Yet the kite keeps flying, the people of Tyneside, said to be the strength of a twelfth man to the team, cling to the symmetry of Robson coming home. His father, like Kevin Keegan's and like Sir John's, came from Durham mining stock. So, the Geordies

are di**egi**ng in. The past five years has been an inflated period, even if the passions there can seem like a coal fire compared to the inferno, the mix of separatist political fervour and football that pays Robson a millionaire's salary in Barcelona. It might just be the time to defuse things a little on the Type, to accept that an outsider not blinded by passion. could come and take the team. that Keegan built to a championship no one has celebrated at Newcastle for 70 years. The stealth, perhaps, of Dalglish\*

summit he reached in Suzuka.

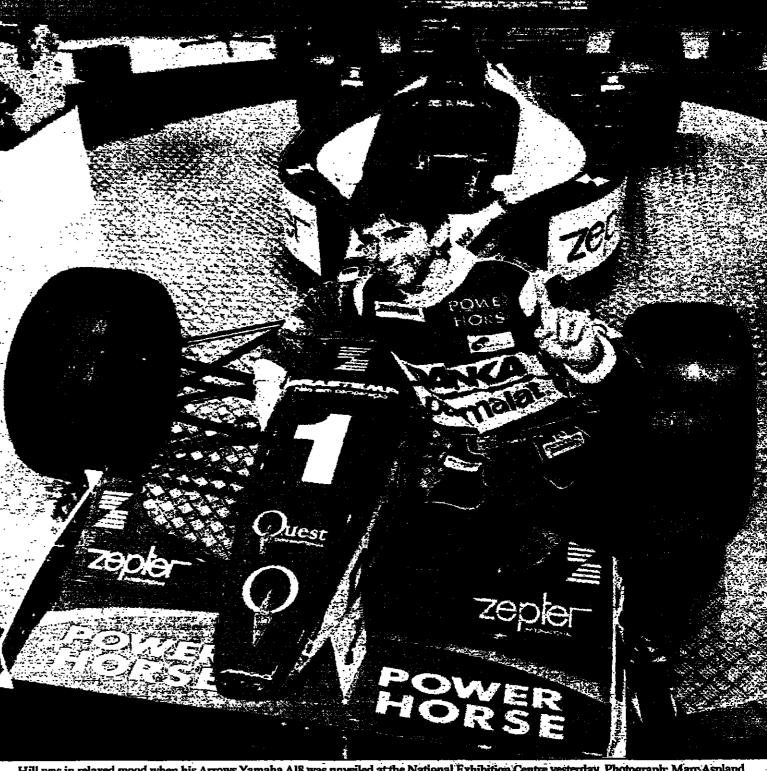
last October. There was even talk from Tom Walkinshaw, the Arrows team owner, of Hill winning races in the second half of next season, despite the fact that Arrows won just one point last year. "I am not dreaming." Walkinshaw said, "I am trying to be realistic and analytical."

But there was indeed something missing, a subtle ally last season last year.

certainly not determination or wholehearted commitment. Nor was it the belief that Arrows, with new sponsors, new and competitive Bridgestone tyres and Hill behind the wheel, are already forging their way into a bright future. But Formula One is not a quick-fix sport. It takes time and money to drag a team from the bottom towards the

Hill is approaching the start of a season without the prospect that its end will bring him a world championship. "It is very important to communicate to everyone," Hill said, "that there is no way

I am going to enjoy the level of



Hill was in relaxed mood when his Arrows Yamaha Al8 was unveiled at the National Exhibition Centre yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

### utlines his target with Arrows

in a Williams, it was hard to

win all those races and I

started them all from the front.

This year will be a completely

racing to fool around. I am too

aware of the risks. I want to

win. I have my pride. But I think it would be quite re-

markable if we were to win a

race this year and I am

certainly not expecting it to

happen. It is going to be a step

"But I am not in grand prix

different experience.

By OLIVER HOLT

thing missing. Bob." he said. Exactly what was never

revealed and, as the festivities

surrounding the launch of the new Arrows Yamaha at the

Autosport International Show

Hill was happy and relaxed,

still bathing in his world

champion's aura, relishing the

hard work ahead after a

deserved honours and

awards. Dressed in the unfa-

miliar livery of his new team.

he said the Arrows Yamaha

Al8 was "a sexy little number".

at first, that much is not open

to question. After winning 21

races out of 67 starts with

Williams, there was only one

way to go when he left. Hill's body language, his demean-

our, his comments and the

though, suggest it may not be

too long before he starts

dimbing back towards the

It will be a step back for him

mattered less and less.

A BRASS band led Damon Hill onto the stage yesterday. Fireworks fizzed and popped as the crowd applauded and a shower of sparks cascaded down over him and the new car that will be the vehicle for the next stage of his career. The announcer asked him about his hopes for the season. but Hill seemed faintly preoccupied. "I think there's some-

that has been at Hill's elbow at the start of every season, at every January launch, from the time he joined Williams in 1993 to the time he started his It was not optimism. It was

top and, for the first time since his debut year with Williams,

success I had last season. Even

backwards in order to forwards and get back to the

Walkinshaw, who revealed that Hill's size 12 feet had forced a hasty and costly redesign of the car which set the building of it back a month, said the Englishman would probably test it for the first time at Silverstone next Wednesday.

"At first, I will be happy if Damon can qualify in the first four rows," Walkinshaw said "I hope we can get him in a position by the second half of the season where he is in the points consistently. And if he gets to the podium there is no reason why he should not come away with a win. particularly as there may be three or four circuits where the Bridgestone tyres have an advantage over the Goodvears. Whatever happens, the honeymoon phase is over."

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### Ireland snap up Ashton

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE long arm of coincidence tapped on Brian Asitton's shoulder vesterday when the Irish Rugny Football Union (IRFU), moving with a speed that its own back division has failed to show in three internationals this season, appointed the former Bath coach as "advisor" to the management for the five nations championship this

season. Only on Monday, Ashton's six-month career as head coach to the English champions was concluded and he admitted he had no offers in the pipeline on Tuesday night the IRFU dispensed with the services of Murray Kidd, its coach, and invited Ashton for an interview on Wednesday: yesterday Ash-ton, 50, said he was "staggered" at the turn of events.

advisor to Pat Whelan, the team manager, and will work with Mike Brewer, the former New Zealand back-row forward, who has been assisting Kidd. Understandably, he will have no say in the selection of the XV to play France in Dublin on January 18. That will be named on Saturday night and already Mark McCall, the Dungannon centre, is unavailable

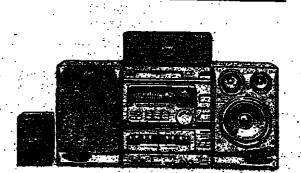
because of a broken thumb. "I have no great knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the players but it's a terrific challenge." Ashton. who was assistant coach to England in 1984-85, said. Coincidentally. Ashton's appointment matches that made by the French federation this week of Pierre Villepreux. bringing into opposition two men who have worked together in the past.

The role with Ireland will also bring Ashton into conflict with Bath players he has coached when England play in Dublin on February 15; how ironic that on the day he was interviewed in Ireland, Jack Rowell, his former colleague at Bath, was suggesting that Ashton might have a role to play in the England coaching structure.

"Brian's involvement will only enhance our coaching set-up." Whelan said. "He's one of the top coaches in the northern hemisphere, his track record proves that. He will come in at a difficult time but he knows a lot of our players and he will find out about the rest very quickly." The full-time coaching post remains vacant until after the championship.

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